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Public Notices.

THEATRE ROYAL, DUBLIN.
Mr. HARRIS has much pleasure to announce that he has, in connection with Mr. WILLERT BEALE, made arrangements for a season of Italian Operas, commencing on MONDAY, SEPT. 10th, supported by the following eminent Artistes:—

Signor Mario,
Signor Antonio Latue,
Signor Graziani,
Signor Fallar,
Signor Kinni,
Signor Chierici,
Signor Forni, and
Signor Ciampi, Primo Basso Profondo, of her Majesty's Theatre, &c.

Soggeritore—Signor Operti.
Maestro al Cembalo—Signor Vianesi.
Leader—Mr. Levy.

The repertoire will include "Lucrezia Borgia," "Il Trovatore" "Norma," "La Favorita" "Rigoletto" "Il Don Giovanni," "Macbeth," and Gluck's, celebrated "Orfeo and Euridice" (as it has caused so much sensation in London and Paris during its last season).

Mr. HARRIS begs to announce that this will be the only Italian Opera Engagement of the Season.

Opera Engagement of Half-past Seven—to commence at Eight o'clock.
Private Boxes, 5 Guineas; 4 Guineas; 3 Guineas. Dress Circle, 2s. 6d.
Second Circle, 2s.; 1s. 6d. Lower Gallery, 2s.; Upper Gallery, 1s.
The Free List entirely suspended, the Press excepted.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL THEATRE.
Re-Engagement for Seven Nights more of Herr NICOLO DEULIN and his talented Family.
Sixth appearance of Mr. HARRY WIDDICOMBE, the celebrated Comedian.
ON THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING, AUG. 18, will be performed the grand Fairy Romance, with New Scenery, entitled
PETER WILKINS, OR THE FLYING INDIANS.
Peter Wilkins - - Miss Annie Parker.
Herr Wilkins - - Mr. H. Vivash.
John Adams - - Mr. S. Artand.
Gentleman Stowaway - - Mr. Harry Widdicombe.
To be followed by commencing at a quarter to nine) the original and powerful Drama (in Three Acts), written by Mr. F. Phillips, entitled
FOUND IN THE HAND WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH.
Dr. Beresford - - Mr. H. Webb.
Captain Professworthy - - Mr. George Vincent.
Jeffrey Prodgal - - Mr. H. Widdicombe.
Dr. Oscar Beresford - - Mr. S. Artand.
THIS NIGHT DANCING, by the DEULIN FAMILY.
To conclude with the Farce of
BOWLED OUT.
Mr. Bagstock - - Mr. H. Widdicombe.
Private Boxes, 2s.; Pit, 1s.; Low er Gal, 6d.; Up. do., 3d. second Price at 9 o'clock—Boxes, 1s.; Pit, 6d. Lower Private Boxes, £1 1s.; Private Boxes, 15s. Second Price at Nine o'clock—Lower Private Boxes, 10s.; Upper ditto, 6s. 6d.

ROYAL PORTOBELLO GARDENS.
Lessee—Mr. T. KIRBY.
Managing Director—Mr. Robt. Fraser.
THIS EVENING (SATURDAY), August 18th, the Gates open at half past 8S, Grand Promenade, performances of the Amazing Equestrian, the astounding
ROCKY MOUNTAIN WONDERS.
Mr. F. MacCabe, the Protean Mimic, Mdlle. Martinez, the fascinating Equestrian, a grand display of Fireworks, under the direction of Mr. T. Kirby, 15, Lower Sackville-street.
Admission to the Grounds, 1s.; Reserved Seats in Concert Hall, 6d, extra.
WEDNESDAY, August 22nd, the performances will be of a highly novel and attractive character, under distinguished patronage, for a special benefit of Mr. Kirby, full particulars of which will be duly announced.
Tickets to be had at the Gardens, or at 15, Lower Sackville-street.
On this occasion, the pyrotechnic display will be on an unusually extensive and magnificent scale of splendour.

ROYAL PORTOBELLO GARDENS.
MONDAY NEXT, AUGUST 20TH,
under the immediate patronage of the
Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR,
who has kindly consented to be present.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21st, GRAND JUVENILE DAY FETE, and, by kind permission of Colonel Mylius, the Brass Band and Drums of the Royal Hibernian Military School will attend.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22nd, Mr. T. KIRBY'S BENEFIT.
Immense attractions—Concert—Splendid Display of Fireworks.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23rd, M. BLONDIN, the World Renowned Hero of the Falls of Niagara, will appear in his extraordinary Feats on the Rope.

JULLIEN FESTIVAL.
THE ROTUNDO, DUBLIN, on MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 27th, and TUESDAY MORNING and EVENING, AUGUST 28th.
For the Benefit of
MADAME JULLIEN.
Under the Immediate Patronage of his Excellency the LORD LIEUTENANT,
Who has graciously signified his intention of honouring the Concert on the 27th with his presence.
On which occasion the entire Orchestra will consist of the members of
MONSIEUR JULLIEN'S BAND,
Conducted by the
PRINCE GEORGE GALITZIN.
Vocalist—MISS POOLE.
The Programme will include M. Jullien's celebrated "Irish Quadrilles," "Warsaw Varsovienne," "English Quadrilles," "Assault at Arms," and (for the first time) "Jullien's Last Waltz."
ALSO,
THE CELEBRATED CAMPBELL'S MINSTRELS
will appear.
The entire Suite of Rooms will be thrown open.
Prices—Gallery and Front seats, 3s 6d; Promenade, 1s 6d; Evening Concert doors open at 7, to commence at 8. Morning Concert doors open at 1, to commence at 2.
Tickets to be had of Messrs Pigott, Russell, Moses, Bray, Shade, Solee, and Wiechcart, Musicsellers.

ROTUNDO.—The Gentlemen of the Champion Competition Committee intend giving Mr. JOHN CASEY, Champion of Ireland, a Complimentary Benefit, in Manager of these Games, on which occasion the following contests will take place—Fist Races, 100 yards, 440 yards, Half-mile. Gentlemen's Hurdle Races, 100 yards and 400 yards. Half-mile and 3 miles. Hurdle Races, 100 yards and 400 yards. Standing Leap, and Running Leap. Hands and Feet, High Leap. Long Leap, standing Leap, and Running Jump, all for men; 300 yards, and half-mile Flat Races, 400 yards, Hurdle Race, Pole Leaping, High Leaping, and Vaulting for Lads under 12 years of age. Silver Belts will be given for each competition. Gentlemen only eligible to compete. Entrance to compete—Gentlemen, 2s; Lads, 1s. Entries will be received and must be made to Mr. J. Leverett, College Hotel, College-street, on or before August 24th. Colours to be named at same time.

KINGSTOWN.—PROGRAMME OF ATHLETIC SPORTS FOR TUESDAY NEXT, August 21st, 1860, in KILLINCOBBIN-ROAD (weather permitting):—100 yards race, for all under 12 years old; 200 yards and 400 yards for Lads under 16 years of age; Walking Match, half-mile, and mile Flat Races, and 440 yards Hurdle Race, and Match Race of 600 yards, for men; Vaulting with the Hands, Broad Jump, Vaulting, Pole Leaping, and High Leaping for men. Sports to take place on half-past 4, and sports commence at 5 o'clock precisely. Ground to be kept clear at half-past eight, with Signor Duvalli's Ascent on his Electric Wire, and Brilliant Display of Fireworks.
Further Entries can be made to Mr. J. LEVERT, College Hotel, Grafton-street, Dublin.
Judge—R. R. Murray, Esq.
Starter—Mr. E. Dennis Walker.
Handicapper—Mr. After 7 o'clock, 6d. Children, half-price.
N.B.—None but gentlemen allowed to compete.
A Band will attend.

THE MEETING OF THE BLACKROCK, BOOTERSTOWN, and MERRION VOLUNTEERS, will be held on THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING, 18th instant, at 8 o'clock, at Blackrock School, Blackrock.
JAMES CRAIG, Hon. Sec.
After the Meeting the names of those Gentlemen who purpose joining the Dublin and County Rifle Club will be received, and all information given with respect to it.

TO DRUGGISTS AND OTHERS.—Tenders will be received by the administrator of the late Mr. WM. MOSNOR, to the 31st instant, for the purchase of the fixtures, stock in trade, bad will, and book debts of the Establishment, No. 19, North Earl-street, where the drug trade has been carried on successfully for over 100 years, and which is still in good working order, with a highly respectable connexion.—Full particulars will be given at the premises.

SATURDAY EVENING PUBLIC PRAYER MEETING.
A PUBLIC PRAYER MEETING is held every SATURDAY evening, at Eight o'clock, in the School-room adjoining the VINEGAR CHAPEL, LOWER ABBEY-STREET.

THE REV. J. D. POWELL will preach (D.V.) on TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), the 19th inst., at 12 Noon, and at 7 o'clock Evening.

ESTABLISHED BY HAYDEN AND PALMER
GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTICE.
DR. PALMER,
32, MERRION-SQUARE NORTH,
(Corner of Holles-street.)
Physician and Surgeon of extensive practical experience, Medical Doctor and Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Accoucheur to the Rotunda Lying-in-Hospital, late Pupil of the Hôtel Dieu, Paris, and Consultor Physician at the Four-street School of Medicine.
Hours at Home—9 to 11 Morning, 4 Midday, 8 to 10 Evening.
Consulting Days—Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 7 to 9 o'clock.
Fees—Medical or Surgical Advice and Medicine (Compounded by Mr. Apothecary), Five shillings, at Dr. P.'s or the Patient's Residence; Consultation by letter, 10s. Medicines Gratis to Indigent Invalids.

LATE FATAL ACCIDENT IN BAGGOT-STREET.
An Appeal is made to the humane public on behalf of the sufferers from this lamentable accident.
The facts are already known to the Public, showing how, almost in a moment, three poor fellows were hurried into eternity, leaving Wife and children to deplore their irreparable loss, while two others are so seriously injured as to render possibility (even if they recover) of supporting themselves or their families for perhaps a whole twelve months.
Surely this is a case which should elicit the sympathies and contributions of the Christian and humane.
Mr. A. Wilson, 17, Lower Baggot-street; Mr. T. H. Carroll, 17, Lower Baggot-street, Mr. Thomas Martin, 2, Lower Baggot-street; and Mr. Thomas Watson, 15, Lower Baggot-street, have consented to receive, and acknowledge in the papers, all contributions to this laudable object, until a Committee is named for the purpose.
Amount already received to 6th of August, £140 19s 4d. Contributions since received:—

Per Miss Margaret Duffy — Mrs M'Dermott, 21, Herbert-place	£1 1s
Mrs Fleming, Anna Villa, Phibsborough	2s 6d
Per Mr Anthony Wilson—A Pedestrian, Dublin postmark, £1 1s; Alexander Findlater and Co., £1; Maurice H Collis, Esq., £1; Lower Baggot-street, 5s; C A L, 2s 6d; Rev William Stack, Phibsborough, 2s 6d; Mrs Dowse, Lower Baggot-street, 10s; Archibald Goddard, Esq., 17, North Great Georges-street, £1; Miss Goddard, 10s; a Knight of Malta, 10s; Thomas Watson, Waterford, 10s; Miss Nicholson, 10s.; A.H., 5s; Rev M'D Peter, Peter's-place, 5s; Edward H Bindon, Esq., 5s; P E S, per Mr Hodgsdon, 2s 6d; Lady King, £1; Miss Rich-mond, Vicarage Lodge, 5s	
Per Mr Martin—Captain O'Keeffe, 10s; B Grattan Guinness, Esq., £1 1s; Mr Weir, £1; Colonel King, 10s; O M J (postage-stamps), 2s 6d; Mrs Hamilton, Lawson-terrace, 10s; Mrs E D Fox, Lawson-terrace, 10s; Mrs. Tuell, Kingstown, 10s; Mrs Palmer, Per Mr. Jennings, Grafton-street, 10s; Mr Thomas Hall (Builder), Kevin-street, 10s; Mr Sullivan, Upper Baggot-street, 10s; a Lady, per Mrs Bond, 5s; Mr Doctor Palmer, Merrion-square, 10s; Mrs. McEvoy	
Per Mr T H Carroll—Thomas Franks, 2s; Lower Fitzwilliam-st., 2s; Mr R T Smith, 10s; for Subscriptions from Ardee, per post	
Per Mr Martin, per Mr Hodgsdon, 2s 6d; Mr C Nicholson, per do., 2s 6d; Mr Aldrit, per ditto, 2s 6d; Messrs Cashnock & White, 4, Lr. Ormond-quay, 10s; Mr Hamilton, Arran-quay, £1; Messrs Grant and Lennon, Aberystwith (Wales), £1; Mr. Wm. Hughes (Builder), Talbot-st., 10s	
Per Mr Thomas Wilson—Edward Blackburn, Esq., 10s; the Misses Smith, 5s; Mrs Carroll, Upper Pembroke-street, 7s 6d; Mrs Smith, 5s; Mrs Jones, 10s; Dr Liquitt, 5s; Wellington-terrace, 2s 6d; Mrs Dolan, 5s; Mrs Cogbill, 5s; Mrs Bond, £1; J S, £1; Mr Tuomey, 10s; Mrs Hamilton, 5s; Mrs Stewart, 5s; Mrs Gaffney, 5s; Mrs Fitzgerald, Esq., 5s; Mr Hogan, 2s 6d; Mr Tuomey, 10s; Mrs Hamilton, 5s; Mrs Stewart, 5s; Mrs Gaffney, 5s; Mrs Fitzgerald, Esq., 5s; A Lady in Upper Baggot-street, £1; Henry Weir, Esq., £1; Mr. Courtney, 10s., Fitzwilliam-place, £2.	

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Sermons.

"FRIEND OF THE CLERGY CORPORATION,"
"DUBLIN AND KILDARE CLERGY WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' SOCIETY."
A SERMON will be preached (God willing), in STILLORGAN CHURCH, on TO-MORROW (Sunday), 19th August, 1860, in aid of the two valuable Societies named above; and a Collection made, which will be divided equally between them, by the Rev. RICHARD WHITTINGTON, M.A., Senior Evening Lecturer, St. Peter's, Cornhill, London.
Contributions from those who cannot attend will be thankfully received by the Rev. the Preacher, or by the Rev. C. Wolseley, at the Office, 27, Dawson-street, Dublin.

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL AMONG THE JEWS.
On To-Morrow (SUNDAY), 19th AUGUST,
Sermons will be preached in
YORK-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
at 12 and 7 o'clock.
Rev. JOHN WEIR, D.D., of LONDON.
Information will be given as to operations of the above Society at home and abroad, and of the work among the Jews in London, and of the progress of Religious Revival in the Metropolis.
Collections will be made after each service.
Contributions of those who cannot attend will be gratefully received by Rev. Dr. Urwick, 40, Rathmines-road, and Mr. J. Robertson, 3, Grafton-street.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
NORTHUMBERLAND-AVENUE, KINGSTOWN.
THE ANNIVERSARY SERMONS (in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the Rev. Dr. Raffles) will be preached in this Place of Worship, on To-Morrow (SUNDAY), AUGUST 19, by the Rev. J. DENHAM SMITH, at Twelve o'clock at Noon, and Seven in the Evening, when the Collections will be made.
The Church, whilst sustaining its own ministrations, and employing other Home Agencies, makes but this one appeal during the year, the Proceeds of which are devoted to the Funds of the Irish Evangelical Society, which is solicited to defray the current expenses, and at the same time to pay off a considerable debt still due on the late Enlargement Fund.
The amount altogether required is about £300; and although this may appear a large sum yet it is hoped, that by a united effort, the entire of it will be cheerfully contributed.
Contributions from those who cannot attend will be thankfully acknowledged by the Minister, Rev. J. DENHAM SMITH, Corrig-road; by the Treasurer, HENRY LEACHMAN, Esq., Altadore, Glenageary; or by any Member of the Committee.
Kingstown, August, 1860.

THE JEWS,
On TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), the 19th instant, Two Sermons will be Preached in YORK-STREET CHAPEL, by the
Rev. Dr. WEIR, of London,
in behalf of the British Society for Promoting the Gospel among the Jews.
Service at Twelve o'clock Noon, and Seven in the Evening.
Collections in behalf of the Society after both Sermons.
Doctor Weir will give interesting details of the progress of the work among the Jews, and will also refer to the Revival now going on in London.

SCOTS CHURCH, ADELAIDE-ROAD.
The Rev. J. W. MASSIE, D.D., of London.
Author of "Christ and Christ's Religion in Ireland, &c.,
Will preach in the SCOTS' CHURCH, ADELAIDE-ROAD,
TO-MORROW, the 19th AUGUST, at 12 o'clock,
What a collection will be made in aid of the Waldenses, and other Reformed Churches, in their efforts for the Evangelisation of Central Italy, especially in the appointment of the
General Assembly's Professor.

PROTESTANT DISSENTING CONGREGATION, YORK-STREET.
The Rev. HENRY ISAACS, of London, will preach in this Meeting-house, on TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), Divine Service commencing at 12 o'clock. No collection.

Education.

INSTITUTION FRANÇAISE PROTESTANTE DE DUBLIN, College Green, Mme. DE CRETTES MORRISON, 28, HARCOURT-STREET, DUBLIN. Masters of eminence in attendance for all branches of education, under the superintendence of the Principal, who receives
Pupils as Boarders, Resident Pupils, the Lord Bishop of Killaloe, Pupils as Day Boarders, the Lord Bishop of Kilmore.
Pupils as Day Scholars, Baroness—The Countess of Eglinton, the Countess of Lanesborough, the Countess of Cork, the Lady Clonmore, the Lady Ashtown, the Countess of Leitrim, the Lady Clarina, the Lady Mary Lefroy, the Lady Catharine Saunderson, the Lady C. Crichton, the Lady Mary King.
Since the year 1838 the Home has afforded shelter to 4,000 Young Women of good character, from all parts of Ireland. Without any endowment, trusting solely to Christian benevolence, it has been blessed of God to this day. It has taken those 4,000 helpless ones out of want and temptation! It has instructed them carefully and has fully within inmates in the Institution! It has taught them Scripturally to look up to the true Saviour! And it has placed them in Protestant families to earn honest bread.
The Committee is most sorry to state that the Christian public only require to be made aware of the above facts to ensure a hearty support to an to inducing and improved laundry will long exercise a beneficial influence on the agriculture of the district, while the laudable zeal with which you applied yourself to every scheme that was calculated to promote the best interests of society commands our warmest commendation. We cannot address you without referring to the warm and constant interest which the members of your amiable family have always taken in the social and educational welfare of the neighbourhood. By ministering to the wants of the poor—by visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction—by educating and training the young, they have truly endeared themselves to all. We only beg your acceptance of the accompanying piece of plate, which, we assure you, is a very inadequate testimonial of the respect and esteem which we entertain for you; yet it will serve to remind that we can at least appreciate the many estimable virtues that adorned your character during your long residence amongst us.
[Here follow the signatures.]
Manoeuvringham, August 6th, 1860.
REPLY.
MY DEAR FRIENDS,—To have received so kind and flattering an Address, so numerously signed by the inhabitants of this parish and surrounding district, in which I have resided for the last thirty years, is to me a matter of no small degree of gratification. On looking over the signatures, I find the names of several clergymen, the laity of all denominations, and the local magistracies with whom I more frequently acted, and to whose valuable guidance and assistance I owe much of what you give me credit for. Those strong expressions of your united opinions (and coming from such sources), approving of my conduct in the difficult relations of life, and under the trying circumstances to which you have alluded, are more than a sufficient reward, without the addition of the costly and splendid piece of plate which accompanied your Address. My wife and daughters desire to express their most grateful thanks for the warm and affectionate manner in which you have referred to them, whose chief occupation and delight it was to instruct the young and administer to the wants of the sick and needy, assisted by a sum of money placed at my disposal by my brother, Mr. Leslie. I do not feel that I have entirely left the locality, as, God willing, I hope to be often among you, and as occasion may require. The great increase of rail way accommodation will bring me in a few hours to your very doors; otherwise, I would have had great difficulty in breaking off all those ties which have so long bound us together. In conclusion, allow me, my dear friends, to thank you all, with the utmost sincerity, for this most honourable testimony of your kind and generous feeling towards me and my family, and which is really more than I deserved. I can truly say, I endeavoured to discharge all my duty according to the best of my ability, and in a manner which, I conscientiously say, I shall ever fail to be incumbent on me, whilst I resided amongst you—Winning you all every spiritual and temporal happiness, I remain your grateful friend,
JOHN BEERS.

THE PULPIT—PRAYER AND PRAISE.
METROPOLITAN MUSIC HALL
SPECIAL SERVICES.
TO-MORROW (Sunday), 3 o'clock Afternoon, Sermon by the Rev. J. S. SMYTH, of Belfast. Subject—"Love, Suffering, and Triumphing."
MONDAY NEXT, 8 o'clock p.m., Prayer and Praise, by different Clergymen.
WEDNESDAY NEXT, 8 o'clock p.m., Sermon, by the Rev. ADAM AVERELL RAWSET, of Cork.
Admission Free to the Clergy and People of all Religious Denominations.
Hymn Books at the door.
THE SAVIOUR'S PROMISE.
"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I (Jesus) in the midst of them."—Matt. xviii. 20.

THE LISMORE GRAND ANNUAL STEEPLE-CHASES.
To Come off on the 11th and 12th of SEPTEMBER, 1860.
FIRST DAY, TUESDAY THE 11th OF SEPTEMBER, 1860.

The Right Hon the Earl of Huntingdon.	Thomas Fitzgerald, Esq, H.S.
The Honourable C W Moore	George W Lloyd, Esq.
The Honourable Walter C Talbot, M.P.	Richard Cuffe, Esq.
	Captain Hamilton.

STEWARDS.

FIRST RACE.
The County Waterford Plate of 5 sovs each, with 100 sovs added half forfeit, three miles over a fine hunting country; second horse to save his stake; weight for age, 3 yrs, 9st 7lbs; 4 yrs, 10st 7lb; 5 yrs, 11st 1lb; 6 yrs and aged, 11st 7lbs. The winner of a 100 sovs money added to carry 7lbs extra. All horses entering for this Race to be entered on or before the 3rd September, by letter with the Clerk of the Course, at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, Lismore, on or before 5 o'clock in the evening previous to the race. The winner to pay 2 sovs to the Race Fund; four horses, the property of different owners, to start, or no money added. All stakes and entrance money to be paid at the time of entering, or the entry cannot be received. All horses entering for this Race to be the bona fide property of gentlemen residing in the neighbourhood.
Starting to be performed on the 6th of August.
Steeplechasing Rules to be observed.

SECOND RACE.
The Heifer Shelter Stakes of 2 sovs each with 30 sovs added, heats about two miles over same course, second horse to save his stake; weight for age, 3 yrs, 9st 7lbs; 4 yrs, 10st 7lbs; 5 yrs, 11st 1lb; 6 yrs and aged, 11st 7lbs. Mares allowed to carry 5lbs extra. All horses entering for this race to be entered with the Clerk of the Course, at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, Lismore, on or before 5 o'clock in the evening previous to the race. The winner to pay 2 sovs to the Race Fund; four horses, the property of different owners, to start, or no money added. All stakes and entrance money to be paid at the time of entering, or the entry cannot be received. No jockey allowed more than 10 sovs to the Race Fund; 5lbs allowed to mares and geldings.

SECOND RACE.
The Lismore Stakes of 2 sovs each with 30 sovs added, heats about two miles over same course, second horse to save his stake; 11st 7lbs each. All horses entering for the race to be entered with the Clerk of the Course on or before Nine o'clock, in the evening previous to the race; four horses, the property of different owners, to start or no money added. The winner to pay 2 sovs to the Race Fund.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPT., 1860.

THIRD RACE.
Stakes of 2 sovs each with 30 sovs added, heats about one and a half mile, three miles over same course, second horse to save his stake; 11st 7lbs each. All horses entering for the race to be entered with the Clerk of the Course on or before Nine o'clock in the evening previous to the race, the winner to pay 2 sovs to the Race Fund; four horses, the property of different owners, to start or no money added. All stakes and entrance money to be paid at the time of entering, or the entry cannot be received.

FIRST RACE.
The Selling Stakes of 2 sovs each, with 3 sovs added, heat about two miles over same course, second horse to save his stake, 11st 7lbs each. The winner to be sold for 60 sovs, if to be sold £40, allowed; 7lbs if for £30 14lbs; and if for £20 to be sold 21lbs. All horses entering for this race to be entered with the Clerk of the Course, at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, Lismore, on or before 5 o'clock in the evening previous to the race, the winner to pay 2 sovs to the Race Fund; four horses, the property of different owners, to start or no money added. The winner to be sold by Public Auction immediately after the race, and the surplus, if say, to go to the race fund.

THIRD RACE.
Stakes of 2 sovs each, with 20 added, heats about one and a half mile over same course, second horse to save his stake, 11st each. The winner of a race or steeplechase value, 20 to carry 5lbs extra; £40, 7lb extra; horse that never won, allowed 4lbs. All horses entering for this race to be entered with the clerk of the course, at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, on or before nine o'clock the evening previous to the race, four horses the property of different owners, to start or no ceremony added. The winner to pay 2 sovs to the acting fund.

CONDITIONS.
Should any dispute, difference, or misunderstanding arise relative to the meaning or intention of the foregoing articles, it must be subject to the sole decision of a majority of the Stewards present at the meeting, and their decision shall be final in all matters, from whom there can be no appeal to a court of law. No gentleman allowed more than 10 sovs to ride. All horses entering for those races not to be drawn for a walk over.
All stakes and entrance money to pay 5s in the pound entrance for the money added. The winner of a race to pay £1 to the judge. All stakes and entrance money of each race to pay £1 to the judge.
The Stewards reserve to themselves the power to alter the days of starting, or the entry cannot be received; to be paid at the time of entering, or the entry cannot be received.
The Stewards reserve to themselves the power of postponing the races. Colours of the rider to be named at the time of entry, under a penalty of 10s. Any jockey not complying with the directions of the starter to pay one sov, and not allowed to start until the starter is satisfied after the race, and the surplus, if say, to go to the race fund.
Mr. De Bursh's references to the Parents of present and former Pupils are kindly made to the following:—The Right Hon the Lord Bishop of Meath; the Right Hon Joseph Napier; Yen the Archdeacons of Meath; the Rev. C B; Colonel Knox, J P; Colonel Morgan, R.A., Bessbrook.
N.B.—Business was resumed on the 19th inst.
No. 6, HARCOURT-STREET, Dublin.
July 26th, 1860.

DROGHEDA GRAMMAR SCHOOL, FOUNDED BY EDWARD BY ERASMUS SMITH, ESQ., A.D., 1667.
Head Master—Rev. Dr. GORLEY.
Second Master—Rev. W. CRAWFORD.
Scholarship, Exhibition, and Prizes in French and German Entrance Competition, Midsummer, 1860. Two Scholarships, Exhibition, and Prizes, £50 Honours in Classics and Science, have been recently obtained in the Dublin University by Pupils of the School.
Private Apartments can be had in the Head or Second Master's house, which offer special advantages.
In connection with the Establishment there is a Preparatory School, in which Pupils under nine years of age are received and prepared for the advanced School.
There are no charges for French, German, or Laundry; and no extra charges for the use of the Gymnasium.
Recharges of the School will be found moderate.
The School will be resumed 13th August. Report of Examinations to be had at Kelly's, 8, Grafton-street; Printing-office, 61 Middle Abbey-street.

PRIVATE EDUCATION, by D. T. SULLIVAN, A.B., T.C.D.
D. T. SULLIVAN continues to give private lessons at his residence, 32, North-great Georges-street, to young gentlemen preparing for Counting-houses, Civil Service Competitive Examinations, Dispensaries, Post Office, Apothecaries' Hall, Colleges, &c. The highest references can be given. Day attendance from 10 to 12 o'clock in the morning, from seven to nine o'clock. Engagements may be made by the month or quarter. Vacancy for a Gentleman reading Board and Education by the month.

SCHOOL FOR COLLEGIATE AND GENERAL EDUCATION.
No. 6, HOME-STREET, STEPHEN'S-GREEN.
(Late New Ir. W.A.I.M.S.)
PRINCIPALS:

WILLIAM HEADLE	A. T.C.D, First Scholar, 1851.
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Vacation will terminate THIS DAY (SATURDAY), and the Business of this Establishment will be resumed on MONDAY, the AUGUST 13th, when a practical attendance of the Pupils is earnestly requested.
The Principals have to intimate the following list of Honors, &c., obtained by Pupils of the Establishment:—
Scholarship, 1858—Mr Carr.
Exhibition, 1859—Mr Graham.
Sizarship, 1860—Mr Tyrrell.
Three Gentlemen have entered into the Sizarship Hall, straight from the school, without attending any College grinding.
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Mr Hamilton Hardinge.
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Mr Graham—First Honor in Classics.
Mr W Hassard—Honor in Science.
Mr Flynn—First Honor in Science.
Mr K Hassard—First Honor in Logics.
Mr Stewart admission into the Middle Engineering Class.
Queen's College, Cork.
Science Scholarship Examination—Mr O'Connell, First Exhibition.
Mr H Evatt—First in Geology.
Mr C M'Comas—First in Logics.
Mr Hans Morrison—First of the First Honors in Logics.
T.C.D., Michaelmas, 1859.
Mr Flynn—First Honor in Classics.
Mr Gerrard—Second Honor in Science.
Mr Sutton—First Honor in Military Class.
Mr Edwards—First Honor in Mathematics.
Mr Hans Morrison—First Honor in Logics.
T.C.D., Trinity, 1860.
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CONTROVERSIAL SERMONS ON SUNDAY, AUG. 19, 1860.
IRISH CHURCH MISSIONS.
I. MISSION BUILDING, 27, Townsend-street, 11-30 ser
H. C. EADS, M.A., Minister of the Reformed Protestant."—H p. 11, 4.
Subject—"Mariolatry Christian c ruship
Did not Abel worship in God's a Christ, represented by the
Lamb offered in sacrifice—sent in his ow works or deservings?
Was not Abel in this sense a Protestant?
Did not Cain rely on his own merits, and was not Cain in this respect like a Roman Catholic? Which offering did God accept, and why?
II. Can any Roman Catholic tell why the peculiar doctrines of the Church of Rome are so contradictory to the Bible of the Church of Rome? Why is it that those attributes and offices which belong to the Lord Christ are given to the Blessed Virgin Mary? Is the Lord Christ is God-man, the Christian's perfect Saviour only, and all-sufficient Saviour, must not whatever trust is placed in another for the work of salvation be taken from Him? "Little children keep yourselves from idols."—1 John i. 21.
Roman Catholics are affectionately invited to attend.

MONEY MARKET AND COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.
(WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE IRISH TIMES.)
Dublin, Friday Evening.
There was a reactionary tendency in the London Stock market to-day, Consols recovering one-eighth, and New Threes one-quarter per cent. This change proceeded from the absence of confirmation of a descent on Calabria, and also from the comparative fineness of the weather in London.
There was a relative advance in our two Funds, the market being improved both in tone and in the extent of business done. Dealings for the account were freely entered into.
Bank Stock gave way one-quarter, adjusting itself to the recent reduction in the Funds; and there was a further decline in Nationals but to the extent of one-eighth only. Hibernians were in request, and Royals on sale, at the last rates in both cases.
In Steam, the upward movement of Atlantics was checked, and a fractional decline took place, with further offers to sell at the reduced price. British and Irish produced yesterday's previous quotation, and were also negociated at the previous quotation, and appeared steady. City of Dublin Shares of all classes, and Dublin and Liverpool Ship Building Shares, were in request. Dublin and Glasgows were inquired for at par, one-eighth premium being demanded.
Mining Securities were again very languid; Connorees slightly declined, and closed rather weakly, and Mining Co. of Ireland also gave way one-quarter, and had a heavy appearance.
There were not any quotations in the group of Miscellaneous Securities, and no change of value in the Shares usually dealt in was observable.
Railway Shares continued very inactive, but prices were steady.
In Cork and Bandons the confident feeling arising from the proceedings at the recent meeting of the company is shown by a steady advance of value, the improvement to-day being one-half per share. Great Southern Stock realised last rate, the business done being limited in extent. A trifling advance was marked in Midlands. Belfast and Northern Counties, Cork and Passage, and Irish South Easterns were on sale at last rates, and there were offers to Dublin and Belfast, and Waterford and Limericks, on similar terms. For Dublin and Wexfords an enhanced price was offered.
In the Preference market, the principal feature was a considerable improvement in the Dublin and Wexford 6 per Cents., which fully established an advance of one-half per share. Dundalk and Enniskillen 5 per Cents., of the class B, were again dealt in, at a discount of 5s.; the class A. shares being in demand at an enhanced price. Great Southern stock was negociated at the previous value, and continued on sale at that rate. There were sellers of the two denominations of Waterford and Limerick Preferences, there being offers to purchase the 5 per Cents. at a fractional reduction on the previous quotation. The other Preference Securities remain as last reported.

DUBLIN STOCK AND SHARE LIST.—AUGUST 17.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS.			
3 per Cent. Consols			93¼
New 3 per Cent. Stock			92¾
Ditto for account 15th September			92¾
Ditto for account, 12th September			61½
BANKS.			
National Bank	STRAN.		6
Atlantic (Limited)			6¾
Ditto (paid in full			4½
British and Irish			10¾
Dundalk (Limited)	MINES.		19s 6d
Connoree (Limited)			12½
Mining Company of Ireland,	MISCELLANEOUS.		9¾
Alliance and Connmara	RAILWAYS.		14¾
Cork and Bandon			11½
Great Southern and Western			54¾
Midland Great Western			
RAILWAY PREFERENCES			
Belfast and County Down, 5 per cent. perpetual, Class D			6¾
Great Southern and Western, 6 per cent. per perpetual			93
Londonderry and Enniskillen, 5 per cent perpetual Class B			91

On Saturday business commences at half-past twelve o'clock, and the stock brokers' offices are closed at three o'clock.
The next account day for shares will be the 31st August. Names must be furnished on or before the 20th

PRICES OF IRISH STOCKS.

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs	Fri.	Sat.
3 per cent. Consols	92¾		92¾	92¾	92¾	93 ⅛
Ditto for Account						
3 per cent. Reduced						
New 3 per cent. Stock	92¾ ⅛	92¾	92¾ ⅛	92¾ ⅛	92¾ ⅛	92¾ ⅛
Ditto for Account	92¾	92¾	92¾	92¾	92¾	92¾
Bank Stock						

(BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.)

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE—AUGUST 17.

OPENING PRICES.

Consols Money ... 92⅞
Account, ...
New Threes, ...

NOON PRICES.

Consols Money ... 92¾ ⅛
Account, ...
New Threes, ... 92¾

1 P.M. PRICES.

Consols Money ... 92¾ ⅛
Account, ...
New Threes, ... 92¾

3 P.M. PRICES.

Consols Money ... 92¾ ⅛
Account, ...
New Threes, ... 92¾ ⅛

CLOSING PRICES.

Consols Money ... 92¾ ⅛
Account, ...
New Threes, ... 92¾ ⅛

NOON SUMMARY.—Exchequer Bills 6 prem.; Eastern Counties 56 ⅝; Leeds Northern, 83½; Great Western, 96⅝; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 96⅝; London and North Western, 101½; Midland Stock, 124¾; York, Newcastle and Berwick, 97⅛; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 49½; Western of Canada, 13½; Midland, 84½; Great Northern, 117½; Caledonian, 94½; North British, 68½; York Stock, 220½; Mexican, 31½; Great Northern, 117½; Great Northern, A, 117½; South Eastern, 89 ⅜; Accounts, 89½; Chester and Holyhead, 40; Great Western, 73½; declined to 92½ sellers, 92⅝. Consols opened rather firm at 92½, declined to 92½ sellers, and are now steady at 92¾. The weather is very fine here to-day. Shares very inactive, but have improved a little in price. There is not any particular feature. Canadians are better. Trunks, 12¼; Western 12¼.

FUNDS AND SHARES—AUG. 17.

Amberg, 68⅞; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 106½; Caledonians, 93½; London and North Western, 101¼ 2½; Chester and Holyhead, 83 to 4; London and South Western, 92 ⅜; Eastern Counties, 55½ ⅝; Leeds Northern, 83½; Edinburgh and Glasgow, 79¾; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 49½ to 50; Midland Stock, 124½ 5; Great Northern, 117½; Great Northern A, 117½ 18½; North British, 68½ ½; Great Western A, 117½ 18½; Great Western, 73½ ½; South Eastern, 88½ ½; Great Western of Canada, 13½ 5-16 7-16; York, Newcastle, and Berwick, 96¾ ⅞; Grand Trunk of Canada, 7½; York and North Midland, 81½; Great Southern and Western, 111 18. There has been very little doing all day in the market, owing to the improved weather, but it has been firmer in tone. Consols opened 92½ to ⅝, declined to 92½; sellers advanced to 93 buyers, and close 92½ ⅝. Shares have been very inactive all day, with Consols, improved a little, and close steady at the above rates. Canadas firm.

ENGLISH FUNDS.

CITY, FRIDAY EVENING.—Meetings of the London and North Western and Great Western Railways have been held to-day. At the former a dividend of 5 per cent., and the latter of 3 per cent., was declared. The Stock markets to-day are decidedly firmer. Owing partly to the improvement in the weather, a recovery of ¼ per cent. has taken place in Consols, and from ⅛ to ⅜ in most of the principal railway stocks.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.
(TIMES CITY ARTICLE.)
Thursday Evening.

Disappointment of the expectations of a change in the weather, and the threatened political contingencies on the Continent have led to a further decline in the English funds to-day. In proportion as the weather affects our own funds, American securities show greater security, owing to the capital lines of Railway. The closing prices from Paris this evening show a renewed decline of ¼. No gold was taken from Bank to-day. The steamer sailing for the West Indies to-morrow will take £11,620 in silver.

(DAILY NEWS CITY ARTICLE.)
Thursday Evening.

The Stock markets to-day were decidedly depressed. The unsettled position of affairs in the Money market, induced apprehension of a disturbance in the Money market, and a gloomy feeling. The funds have sustained a fresh decline. The Discount market has been addressed by Turkey to the English Government, she offers to make the British Consul at various ports the recognised receivers of customs revenues, and to appropriate these revenues specially to a new loan, which England, in conjunction with other Powers, is solicite to guarantee.

STATE OF THE MARKETS.
(WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE IRISH TIMES.)
Dublin, Friday Evening.

The recent heavy imports of foreign grain and of cotton have drawn away a large amount of money from the United Kingdom, and should further extensive purchases of the former have to be made, which is not unlikely, the quantity of bullion will become materially diminished, unless a large supply of gold be received from Australia. There is a decrease, too, in the bullion balance on deposit in the bank; and it is considered that the late arrivals of corn from abroad will not only absorb the gold now on the way from Australia, but a considerable sum in addition. Taking into account, therefore, uncertain prospects regarding the harvest, any deficiency in which will involve an expenditure for breadstuffs, together with other considerations, it is believed that money will be dearer, and that the rates of discount are likely to advance. As regards the present state of the discount market, the inquiry for accommodation has been slightly on the increase in London this week, through the requirements of trading purposes. A good demand is experienced at the Bank, and the brokers are free borrowers from the Joint Stock Banks on full terms. The rate, on the average, out of doors, is about 4 per cent., and in several cases a shade higher is charged, but special descriptions of first-class paper of short date is negociated at 3½ per cent. Credit, however, is in an unsatisfactory state on the other side of the Channel, the failures occurring now and then keeping alive a painful feeling of anxiety. On Tuesday, the suspension of Messrs. Poole and Co., of Northampton, woollen manufacturers, with liabilities amounting to about £90,000, was announced; and a house in Macclesfield, in the silk trade, has likewise stopped payment, and has also one dealing in woollens—the latter with heavy liabilities; and several failures besides are mentioned in the provision business. With respect to the manufacturing markets generally, however, the tone has become more firm, with prices less irregular than during the last few weeks, especially for some kinds of yarn. For Germany, and the Continent generally, there is more inquiry for goods; but the London advices are not very encouraging to shippers, and this department continues quiet, although there is some inquiry, and prices are pretty well maintained. Business at Leeds is dull in coloured cloth; but there has been a decided improvement in the white market, and an improvement has taken place in that department. At Bradford there is less activity in the worsted trade in Leicester has also more doing, and the hosiery trade in Leicester has become more lively for exportation; but the demand for the home market continues depressed, and a number of operatives are still out of employment. There is, moreover, little doing in lace and silks, although the present is usually marked as the busy season in Nottingham in the former branch, but this year there are no signs of animation exhibited.

Wool—The demand in our market is not active, but there is no change in prices. For the week ended on Wednesday evening, 442 bags and packs were exported from Dublin. The Colonial wool sales in London still continue animated, and the biddings for all kinds are brisk, a full number of buyers in attendance. In the other foreign markets, besides wools is likewise firm, and high English woollen are held for good qualities.

Cotton—The market continues active and very firm, with a large business doing at full prices. The stock in Liverpool amounts to 1,157,000 bales.

Hemp dull.

Jute—A large number of bales have changed hands generally active, but there has been little variation in prices. The sales made were at 37s to 41s for J annaics, and 37s to 43s for low heavy yellow to fine Barbadoes; Mauritius brought, for soft brown, 35s to 44s; Penang went from 38s to 42s, and grocery 43s to 44s; Bengal from 39s to 41s per cwt, and Costa Rica has been selling to-day at 41s to 70s. For coffee the demand has been inactive for the first few days, but prices are firm. Tea is still quite dull. Rum has become firmer in value since announcement of a Government contract; and a large business continues to be done in rice at advanced rates. Saltpetre is also firm and in fair request. Tallow is, however, quiet at 51s 3d to 51s 6d; last 3 months, 51s 3d; and 51s 6d to 51s 9d January to March. The latest advices from New York represent the sugar market firm at Havana.

Provisions—Butter—The demand is rather quiet, and stocks are, in consequence, accumulating. Prices for cools are from 94d to 12d, and for firkins 90s to 102s. The quantity exported from the North-wall, for the week ended on Wednesday, amounted to 2,212 firkins. Bacon—Small supply at market; and advance from 1s to 2s per cwt. obtained on the kinds.

Eggs, 6s 4d per hundred; retail, 7s.

Potatoes—There are additional reports as to disease, and serious apprehensions are entertained, both here and in England, as to injury to the present crop. Prices at our market range from 2s 6d to 4s per cwt.

Hay—Markets continue to be very large, with scarcely any alteration in prices. Straw still commands a high figure.

Cattle—The supplies of stock at yesterday's London market were fair, and consisted of 1,562 beasts, 11,323 sheep and lambs, with 835 calves. The primest were disposed of at about Monday's currencies, but inferior breeds declined about ¼d per lb. At our Smithfield market, same day, there was a larger attendance than last week, and with an export demand late quotations were fully realised. Beef on foot, 5½ to 6¾; top, 6¾ to 6d per cwt; mutton 6¾ to 8d, and veal 7d to 8d per lb; lambs, 9d to 10d. During the week ended on Wednesday evening there were exported from our quays 3,322 beasts, 3,639 sheep, 1,273 lambs, and 303 pigs.

Grain, &c.—The reports from the English and Scotch markets, held in the early part of the week, represented a tone of firmness in the great majority, and in several of them an advance in prices; but the accounts from London exhibited a backwardness on the part of buyers to enter largely into transactions at the high rates demanded by holders of grain, who were indisposed to make any concessions, and in consequence of this feeling the business done at Mark-lane on Wednesday was not of a very extensive character. On the next day, however, from the unsettled state of the weather, purchases could not be made at the quotations of Wednesday, and at the above market, on this day, foreign wheat was held for 1s per quarter higher; barley was likewise rather dearer, and no reduction took place in the value of Indian corn. In Liverpool, the trade's market wheat was not yet been checked; at this day's market wheat was 6d per barrel, and flour 1s per sack over Monday's prices, and a large business was done in the former. Oats were also in active request, more money being paid for good qualities, and Indian corn was eagerly inquired after, at an improvement of fully 1s. per quarter. Since Tuesday the state of our market has undergone a marked change. The excessive rains of Wednesday night caused considerable excitement among buyers on Thursday morning, and large quantities of grain were, in consequence, disposed of by holders at advanced rates, whose bringing from our Corn Exchange, to-day, buyers were as anxious as on the previous day, the rain continuing during the whole of the morning, of a change for the better appearing. The result, however, was, that the advance of Thursday was more than sustained, and wheat may be quoted from 1s. to 2s.; oats, 6d. to 9d.; and Indian corn from 6d. to 1s. over Tuesday's prices. The stock of foreign grain, moreover, has been greatly reduced, from the rates lately obtainable in Dublin not encouraging importation, and further supplies will be now required. There were no foreign arrivals at our port on either Tuesday or Wednesday, but on yesterday three cargoes were announced as having arrived, containing respectively 1,000 bales of flour, 1,200 sacks do, and 2,030 quarters of wheat.

The following were the prices in London on yesterday for orders at Queenstown or Falmouth, which, of course, include cost, freight, and insurance to port of destination :—

Wheat—Berdianski, 54 to 55s; Marianople, 54s to 55s per 490lbs; Taganrog, 52s to 53s; Odessa, Ghirka, new, 54s; old, 51s per 492lbs; Sandomirka, 53s to 54s; Polish Odessa, 51s to 52s per 480lbs; Galatz, 51s; Ibrailla, 46s to 48s.

Maize—Galatz, 32s to 33s; Odessa, 32s to 34s, per 492lbs. Ibrailla, 31s to 32s; Foxonian, 31s 6d to 33s 6d, per 480lbs.

Barley—Odessa, 25s to 26s; Danubian, 25s to 26s; Taganrog, 25s to 26s per 400lbs.

Beans—Egyptian, 32s to 33s per quarter.

Rye—Danubian, 30s to 31s; Odessa, 30s to 31s per quarter.

Oats—Odessa, 20s 6d to 21s; Taganrog, 20s 6d to 21s. The following cargoes arrived at ports of call from the 10th to the 16th, both days included, viz.:—7 cargoes of wheat, 8 of Indian corn, 3 of barley, 1 of rye, and 1 of linseed.

The reports as to the effect of the present rains will be watched for with great anxiety. Barley, it is supposed, will be much damaged, and other crops will also suffer considerable injury from the floods, &c., that will follow.

DUBLIN CORN EXCHANGE—FRIDAY, AUGUST 17.

We have had almost incessant rain since Wednesday evening. The weather continues broken, and the mercury Exchange-to-day, an advanced market at our Corn realised on the trifling quantities of home-grown wheat which appeared, and of 6d on the quantities of Indian corn met as inproved demand, and must be quoted is dearer.

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White wheat	32	0d	to 35	0
Red ditto	32	0d	to 33	6
Barley	00	0s	to 00	0
Oats, old	25	6d	to 28	0
Oatmeal	15	6d	to 18	0d
Bakers' flour	17	6d	to 21	6d
Indian corn, per 480 lbs	33	0d	to 34	6d

DUBLIN MARKET—FRIDAY, AUGUST 17.

Provisions—Spitalfields—Beef, 68s to 72s per cwt; short hams, 68s to 72s per cwt; 1 Bacon, 68s to 72s per cwt; short St. Sepulchre's Butter Market—Bacon, new, 74s to 78s; old, 69s to 70s; Bacon Market—Bacon, new, 68s to 72s; new, 62s to 68s; old, 60s to 62s; cheeks, 54s to 56s per barrel. Oats, 14s to 15s per barrel. Cool Butter, 10d to 12d per lb; firkins, 90s to 98s 0d per cwt. Poultry—Chickens (alive) 1s 4d per pair. Butter Market—Cool butter, 10d to 12d per lb; firkins, 90s to 98s 0d per cwt. Egg and Butter Market—Eggs, hen, 6s 2d to 6s 0d; duck, 7s 6d per 120; goose, 9d to 10d; duck, 8s 0d to 8s 4d per 120; goose, 9d to 10d. Fowl—Live chickens, 1s 0d to 1s 4d per pair. Butter Crane, Thomas-street—Firkin butter, first quality, 102s per cwt; second quality, 96s; third, 90s. Cool butter, 10d to 12d per lb. Smithfield Cattle Market—Thursday—The market was largely supplied with stock, and the demand was active, both for home consumption and shipment, at prices which are not included in the last year (726 miles open).

Irish Railway Returns.

MADE UP TO THE RESPECTIVE DATES AS UNDER.

Name of Railway.	1860. £ s. d.	1859. £ s. d.
Ballymena and Portrush, Aug 11	430 16 6	430 16 6
Belfast and Northern, Aug 11	1394 16 8	1329 7 2
Belfast and County Down, Aug 11	318 13 10	271 18 8
Cork and Bandon, Aug 11	350 16 11	282 13 0
Cork, Blackrock, and Passage, Aug 12	1405 9 0	1417 10 0
Dublin and Belfast Junction,	2016 0 0	1971 10 0
Dublin and Drogheda, Aug 12	2477 4 0	2312 12 0
Dublin and Wicklow, Aug 12	1616 0 0	1561 0 0
Dundalk, Enniskillen, and Londonderry,	6981 11 0	6981 11 0
Great Southern & Western, Aug 11	6047 2 0	5966 18 0
Irish South Eastern, Aug 11	250 4 0	266 13 6
Limerick and Ennis, Aug 11	214 1 4	152 10 6
Midland Great Western, Aug 11	4271 9 0	4346 9 0
Ulster, Aug 12	1726 2 11	1726 2 11
Waterford and Limerick, Aug 11	1278 4 1	1216 18 11
Waterford and Kilkenny, Aug 11	330 12 0	338 12 0

* The above includes the receipts of the Dublin Junction and the Tralee and Killarney Railways amalgamated with this line now amalgamated with this line

RECEIPTS FOR THE CORRESPONDING WEEK OF

GENERAL POST OFFICE, DUBLIN.

DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN MAILS.

Letters and newspapers may be posted at the General Post Office for the following places, up to the subjoined hours, when the mails for the said places will be despatched :—

America (New York) [Q]	..	One p.m., Aug. 19.
India (Calcutta), China, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, and Mauritius [6]	..	One p.m., Aug. 21.
America (New York) [8]	..	Six p.m., Aug. 22.
Constantinople	..	Six p.m., Aug. 23.
West Coast of Africa [LL]	..	Ten a.m., Aug. 24.
America (Portland) [D]	..	Ten a.m., Aug. 25.
America (Boston), and Newfoundland [Q]	..	One p.m., Aug. 26.
Spain, and Portugal [8], India (Bombay) [8]	..	Six p.m., Aug. 28.
India (Calcutta, China, Australia, New Zealand, and Mauritius, via Marseilles ..	..	One p.m., Aug. 28.
America (New York) [8]	..	One p.m., Aug. 29.
Constantinople	..	Six p.m., Aug. 30.
America (Portland) [D]	..	Ten a.m., Aug. 31.
France, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Germany, 6 p.m., daily. Belgium,	..	6 p.m., daily.

English postage stamps may be used for letters for the above places, and for Foreign parts touched at by the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamers.

Mail packets on Western Coast of Ireland to be despatched at the G.P.O.; are in time, if posted at the following hours :—

Letters, &c., for America, to 10 a.m. on Friday and Sunday, for the Mails via Derry and Queenstown.

THE IRISH TIMES.

DUBLIN, SATURDAY, AUGUST 18.

SERIOUS apprehensions are entertained respecting the safety of the harvest, even by those who are generally hopeful. We had a winter without precedent for its continued severity. This was succeeded by a spring, cold, bleak, and unnaturally wet.

During the earlier months of the year, the earth was sodden with rain, or bound with frost. If one fine day invited the labourers into the field, it was succeeded by a week in which no husbandman could work. Then came summer—if we can call the past season summer—fitful, uncertain, ever rainy and ever cold. Whether the great chill has been caused by the disruption of some icy continent, and the air comes to us chilled by their influence, or whether the atmosphere has been affected by cometary or meteoric influences, this summer must be memorable for its participation in all the characteristics of winter. And now we are entering into autumn, the season when fruits are ripe and the golden harvest ready for the sickle, and all should be preparing for the dull and workless days of winter. But still it is rain, rain—heavy, incessant rain. If the sun gleams for a moment, it is but to gild a cloud which soon spreads and breaks in rain. All our riversare torrents, and our drains are streams. Even garden work is impossible, while the fruits cease to ripen, and the rich corn is laid.

A large breadth of potatoes was planted this year, but, owing to the severity of the spring, they were in too many cases, planted late. The well known blight has unmistakably appeared—first, the curling and crimping of the topmost shoot; then the brown dry leaves crumbling to dust in the hand; and, last of all, the black and rotting stem. There e is a large quantity of potatoes diseased. We have seen whole fields from which the haulm has entirely disappeared. Some are digging out edible potatoes dug now are only fit for immediate use, as they will not keep. Others are pulling up the withered haulms and banking up the earth about the roots—a method found mo st useful in former years; while in some instances the stalk seems to have mastered the disease and recovered colour.

Wheat and oats had passed the critical time of flowering in safety, and rapidly filled. Though the straw in general was short, the ear was heavy and full. When the rain came and continued, the corn was extensively laid, and remains so. A white bloom has gathered in some fields, which portends maltiness; and there is a well-grounded fear lest, if this weather continues, the seeds will sprout in the ear and be worthless.

Through the counties of Wicklow and Dublin, the hay has been, with little exception, saved in excellent condition. Some few fields, cut a week since, are rotting on the ground. The Northern papers assert that the hay crop will not be an average crop, and anticipate that it will be dear next spring. The farmer should seize the first fair moment to bring the hay into the barn. They who do not consider the loss caused by waste and weather, may be surprised to learn that there are annually thrown away two millions and a half of money by leaving the hay too long a-field, and without thatching. In every case there must be no waste this year. We experienced last spring, the sufferings which a dearth of fodder brings, and should learn a lesson from it.

As yet, however, there is a possibility of recovery. The potatoes never were so large and so thick about the ear. The crop of wheat and oats is heavy in the ear. Green crops are unprecedentedly luxurious. If Providence would favour us with a fortnight's bright and warm weather, a goodly harvest might yet be gathered in. The crops, too, through the wheat-bearing districts of the East, and in the districts of the Danube, as well as those of North America and the United States, are excellent and abundant. In Spain, too, they have been luxuriant. From these countries we can largely import, and if due precautions be taken in proper time, there is no fear that any of our people should starve. But here we in Ireland are in a different position from that of England: all our wealth, and nearly all our industry, is agricultural. England can continue her manufacturers, and take corn in exchange for iron or cotton. We have nothing to give in return but money, and that eventually falls on the land. When the crops fail the landlord suffers, for rents cannot be paid. If the landlord suffer then through him all others suffer, and the cost of supporting those who are without means falls through the poor-rates on him.

But, for the moment, we may be hopeful we may yet have sunny weather for a while, and be enabled to gather in the wheat in the ear and the barley in boll. Yet, how perilous it is to trust to agriculture alone for the maintenance of millions of people! A single bad harvest causes more ruin than a year's war. In our crops we lose the very means of purchase. This alone should urge us to further, with all our might, every means of developing the other resources of our country, that we should not depend upon our earthly resources alone, which this summer's experience proves to be unreliable.

Upon the occurrence of the fire in Mary's-lane, no doubt still remembered for the horrible tragedy connected with it, we urged the establishment of a system of Fire Escapes through the city. A correspondent informed us that the Corporation had performed its duty, and prepared one Fire Escape; as if one Fire Escape could be sufficient for a city like this. It now turns out that this solitary Fire Escape has never been used. It was purchased in London, and at once consigned to the care of the Police, and placed in Kevin-street Barracks, the most inconvenient place that could be thought of. It lies there useless as lumber, and never was brought into requisition, though it might have been the means of saving life at the recent fire in Parliament-street. At last, it appears, from the report of the Corporation meeting on yesterday, that the Commissioners of Police did not well know what to do with the implement. They had no means of working it, notwithstanding they have under command so many hundreds of Police, some ten or twelve of whom might be beneficially employed in practising the method of using the Escape. They supplicate the Corporation to relieve them of the charge, and to place it in some central locality—where it ought to have been placed at first.

However, a "Committee" of the Corporation has recommended the purchase of four Fire Escapes, in addition to that one which the Police of Dublin had no means of working. Five is too small a number for a city containing 300,000 inhabitants, and occupying so vast a space. There are now 91 Fire Escapes in London, placed at an interval of half a mile from each other; so that, on the occurrence of a fire, a messenger would have to run but a quarter of a mile for the Escape. The instrument is placed under a shed, a bright red lamp burns over it, and a single man is placed in charge. On a summons, all he has to do is, to wheel the machine to the scene of the fire; there are hundreds of willing hands to help him, and the London Police, as well as the members of the Fire Brigade, are taught how to use the instrument. In London, 173 lives were saved by these Escapes, last year. Five, however, is a good beginning. When these are placed in different parts of the city, and a Fire Brigade is established, there will be some chance of saving life when a fire occurs. But winter and its long nights are approaching, when fires are more frequent that at other seasons, and the Corporation must be sensible of the importance of expediting arrangements so essential to the safety of all.

The *Times* on the Irish Educational Grant:—

The House of Commons is now passing through supply at a rate which leaves time for only passing reflections. The items come before the eye, and move on as quick as the companies in a review, and all that object is not an agreeable one, it is natural to think it might, perhaps, have been dispensed with. Thus, on Wednesday, after several items, not very bulky, for purposes of old and obvious necessity, for the maintenance of Law, or State, or some public department, there came a vote of £222,969 for salaries and expenses connected with the Poor Laws. "All this," one ejaculated, "and above our poor rates!" Then followed some dozen commissions for the best possible objects, each costing its fifteen, or twenty, or thirty thousand a-year. To do, or think, or feel in these days is expensive, and we do not wonder at the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is a financial freeman, breathing an aspiration for a reduction of taxation. But as a great trouble arises out of many smaller ones. But as a great trouble arises out of many smaller ones. fifty lesser items are eclipsed by £335,285 for printing and stationery for Parliament. For the Court of Probate and Divorce, including compensations, there is a total charge of £188,000, only mitigated by a trifle of £62,000. Then we clearly have to the extent of £62,000. to do purchase reform from the numerous and powerful class who are interested in things as they are. The charges for prosecutions, for prison and convict establishments, and for other unpleasant purposes, are so enormous and ever increasing, that there must be a reaction some day in favour of simpler and less costly ways of dealing with crime. We cannot quarrel with £80,950 for the British Museum, when we think of Panizzi and Richard Owen, each with his £800 a year, and the Hon the Dean of York with his £2,000 a year; but, after swallowing some of the most unpalatable items, we feel a real relief to come on £220,722 for Irish Education. It is increasing, to-be-sure. The advance this year is £21,254, though thirty schools have ceased to receive money, most of them for the best of all reasons—they were workhouse schools, and there are no more children in them. There is something for this vote—something positive and presentable. It is for more substantial than that which is effected in the minds and hearts of the people. The hundreds of thousands—millions, we believe—spent in screwing debts out of poor people, in hunting out and punishing offenders, in keeping pickpockets in splendid castles of grief and disgust. They are deductions from our comfort and respect. The Education vote represents a substantial and, we must say, an undeniable improvement in souls which form, in fact, the paramount power of the future which is being moulded. The present condition of Ireland, compared with the social chaos which prevailed twenty years ago, be a sufficient proof, we have the evidence of every impartial witness to the excellence of the education given by the Irish National Society. We have the striking and uninvited evidence of Americans as to the improved quality and tone of the Irish immigrants, coupled with the fact that while those immigrants were once all but sent from New York, they are now everywhere welcome. A still more important testimony, as we interpret it, or impartial, but with gentle intent. When a considerable section of the Protestant clergy and large section of the Roman Catholic clergy on the other, have left National Schools, with the single ground, of religious neutrality, they show their estimation of the system as far as it goes. It will be said, indeed, that all they want is the bare grant; but it is not so in most instances. The Church Education Society consents to the books and the whole system, only asking that either child may be required to attend at the reading and explanation of the Scriptures. As each demand can only be with the object of proselyting, it has nothing to do with the favourable estimate of the schools admitted by the Church Education Society. But whence on all sides this zeal for education? It cannot be said that thirty years ago there was so much anxiety for it when every Irish child a good scholar. It shows how to make every Irish child a good scholar. It shows how admire the National Schools. The only fault they can find is that the schools are not their own, to the exclusion of all other educationists. The demand also proves that religious knowledge is not decreasing, but only is Ireland more educated, but never was so much religious knowledge and earnestness. Even the National Board was founded we were told it was to make Irishmen latitudinarians. Near thirty years have passed away, and is there

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Thanks.

Mrs. Edwards, Dunkeehan—£1 from Mrs. M. Boyd, Lurgan, to assist poor widows.
Wm. Ledger Erson—To J. R. Curry, Esq., Dalkey, for £1, for the Metropolitan Hall Saturday Evening Prayer Meeting Committee.

The Army.

The Louisa, one of the vessels lately chartered by the Hon. Council of India for the conveyance of reinforcements to India, embarked 203 non-commissioned officers and men of the 7th Battalion, 9th Fusiliers, at Gravesend, yesterday, for Calcutta, together with the following officers:—Major A. Scott, Lieutenant G. A. Shegog, and Ensign W. C. Gosond.
The officers and reinforcements for the 73rd Regiment, from Chatham garrison, will embark at Gravesend this day, for Calcutta, in the Goodwirth, the detachment consisting of 200 non-commissioned officers and privates, and the following officers:—viz., Captain G. Remny, Lieutenant W. Clarke, Ensign B. J. A. Monsell, Ensign H. Synge, and Ensign C. H. Richardson.
The Daphne, 708 tons, embarked 83 men of the 1st battalion of the 12th Regiment at Gravesend, yesterday, forSydney, to join the service companies of their regiment. Assistant-Surgeon F. O'Connor proceeds in medical charge of the detachment.

The Navy.

The following appointments were made on Thursday at the Admiralty:—Lieut. Lewis B. Solly to the Excellent; Naval Cadet A. R. Spicer, midshipman, to the Hornet; John Selman, paymaster, to the Curlew; T. M. Hasfield, paymaster, to the Tartar; Alexander Thompson, paymaster additional, to the Formidable; W. T. Greive, paymaster, to the Impregnable; Frederick Bunn, assist.-paymaster in charge, to the Espoir; Thomas L. Chanter, assist.-paymaster in charge, to the Eagle; W. H. E. W. Roberts, clerk, to the Tartar; and James K. Bell, clerk, to the Emerald.

LATEST NEWS.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.
TIMES OFFICE,
Half-past Four, a. m
FRANCE.

The Superior Council of Commerce has closed its inquiry respecting the cotton manufacture, after examining 120 witnesses, and has commenced the investigation of the silk trade.

FRENCH OPINION ON ITALY.

PARIS, 17TH AUGUST.—The *Constitutionnel* publishes a letter, signed by M. Grandguillot, commencing as follows:—"Italy is now entirely in the most critical and most decisive period of her regeneration. Henceforth she stakes on a single card either her ruin or her salvation. Engaged as she is in the path upon which she has been thrown by the expedition of Garibaldi, Italy will, within two months, be either free and completely independent, or Austria will again reign, and this time from Messina to Turin." The letter then details the course of events, and states that the negociations between Naples and Piedmont were unsuccessful by reason of Garibaldi refusing to arrest his course, and on account of the enthusiasm prevailing throughout Italy having paralysed the measures which Piedmont might otherwise have taken to prevent further complications

RUSSIA.

The *Gazette de St. Petersburg* says that the railway from Moscow to Nizni Novogorod, will be opened this month.

AUSTRIA.

The *Elberfield Gazette* has the following:—"The report that Austria had directed her ambassador a Paris to declare that she would not suffer any further extension of revolutionary proceedings in Italy, is unworthy of credit."
A Vienna letter contains the following:—"Amongst the liberal concessions to be made on the occasion of the Emperor Francis Joseph's birthday, on the 18th instant, will be a proclamation of the complete equality in civil and political matters, of all Austrian subjects belonging to the different religious sects of the empire."

HOLLAND.

HAGUE, AUG. 17.—The project of law respecting the railway, has been adopted by the First Chamber, by 34 against 5 votes.

KINGDOM OF NAPLES.

PARIS, AUG. 17.—The *Patrie* of this evening contains the following despatch, dated Naples, 6th:—Tranquility prevails in the city. Garibaldi is still reconnoitring the Neapolitan Littoral. Tranquility still prevails in Calabria and the Abruzzi.

SYRIA.

BEYROUT, AUG. 5.—(*via* Marseilles.)—Syria is tranquil, but in the environs of Damascus attempts against the life and property of the Christians are daily occurring.

SARDINIA.

A correspondent of the *Independence* says:—Letters from Turin state that M. Ratazzi's joining the Cavour Cabinet is becoming doubtful; indeed the situation of the Sardinian Ministry becomes so embarrassing that it will probably find great difficulty in recruiting its strength. It is said the Sardinian Government intended to take part in the expedition to Syria, but relinquished the idea from the opposition of certain Powers. It will therefore, only send some vessels of war to protect the Italian flag.

PIEDMONT AND GARIBALDI.

A communication from Turin says, strong recommendations are being made to General Garibaldi in a filatory sense. M. Bartini, instructed by M. Farini, has undertaken to make the Dictator comprehend, that any attempt at the present time against the Neapolitan provinces on the mainland would be unjustifiable, the people not having manifested their wishes either by the legal means of the elections or by a general insurrection, but appearing on the contrary to accept the new institutions.

MAIL NEWS.

QUEENSTOWN, FRIDAY.—The (s.s.) Vigo arrived this afternoon, with New York dates to the 4th. The Australasian had arrived out. The Vigo passed the Kangaroo on the 7th.
LONDONDERRY, FRIDAY EVENING.—The Montreal Company's (s.s.) Nova Scotian arrived at Moville early this morning. She took on board passengers, mails, and latest telegrames at this port, and sailed for Quebec shortly after 6 p.m., all well.

GAZETTE NEWS.

BOARD OF TRADE, AUGUST 17.—A French Imperial decree authorises the importation of wool through any of the Custom-houses of the empire.
FOREIGN OFFICE, AUGUST 15.—C. Dridersen, Esq., is appointed Consul at Hongkong for the Grand Duke of Oldenburg.

BANK RETURNS.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.—Notes issued, £29,382,275; Government Debentures, £11,01 5,100; Other Securities, £3,459,900; Gold coin, &c., £14,807,275.—Total £29,382,275.
BANKING DEPARTMENT. — Proprietors' Capital, £14,553,000; Rest, £3,520,984; Public Deposits, £3,956,219; Other Deposits, £12,792,434; Seven days, &c., £770,254.—Total, £37,592,861. Government Securities, £9,804,273; Other Securities, £19,338,734; Notes, £7,709,380; Gold Coin, &c., £740,474.—Total, £37,592,861.

COLLISION IN THE SUIR.

WATERFORD, FRIDAY EVENING.—The (s.s.) Malvina, when proceeding down the river this afternoon for London, ran into the brig Hope, of New Ross, and done so much damage as to cause the Hope to sink immediately. Captain and crew saved.

HOUSE OF LORDS—YESTERDAY.

SAVINGS BANKS BILL.
Lord REDESDALE, referring to the notice given on the preceding evening, in reference to the Savings Bank Bill, suggested that the motion should be withdrawn, in which case he should not oppose it, as the Government seemed to consider the question one of urgency.
Earl GRANVILLE complained of the resolution of the House limiting the time for the consideration of bills, which, he said, enabled Lord Monteagle to give this bill a factious opposition. However, he was, under the circumstances, willing to postpone his notice till Monday.
After some remarks from Lord MONTEAGLE,
The Duke of ARGYLL approved of the course now taken.
VOLUNTEER REGULATIONS.
The Earl of MALMESBURY called attention to the hardships inflicted on the Volunteers, in sending them to great distances to be inspected.
Earl GREY said that the Government had no power, except in case of invasion, to send the Volunteers anywhere. The Government only appointed an officer to direct their movements.
MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.
The Local Government Supplement Bill, the Gas Metropolitan Bill, and the Consolidated Fund (£10,000,000) Bill, were read a third time, and passed.
The Wine Licences (Ireland) Bill passed through committee, and
The House adjourned at 7-30 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—YESTERDAY.

EXCHEQUER BONDS.
At the morning sitting, in Committee of Ways and Means,
The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER moved the following resolutions:—1st, That towards making good the supply granted to her Majesty, the Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury be authorised to raise any sum of money, not exceeding two millions, by the issue of Exchequer bonds or bills; second, That the principal of all Exchequer bonds or bill which may be so issued shall be paid off at par at the expiration of any period not exceeding six years from the date of such bonds; third, That the interest of such Exchequer bonds shall be payable half-yearly, and shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof. He explained that one million was demanded on account of the deficient harvest, which would entail large expense on the Government.
Mr. HENLEY and Sir H. WILLOUGHBY complained that such resolutions were brought forward without notice.
IRISH RESIDENT MAGISTRATES.
The resolutions were agreed to.
In the evening sitting,
On the motion for adjournment till Monday,
Colonel FRENCH asked the Chief Secretary for Ireland if the report were correct that the Lord Lieutenant had transferred to the Director-General of Constabulary the appointment of one-third of the resident magistrates, to be selected by him from the force under his command; and, if so, whether he could state the grounds on which such a change had been made; and further inquired whether any reports showing the necessity of such a proceeding, or any communication from the Lord Lieutenant to the Home Office respecting it, had been made, and are to be laid before Parliament? He complained of the tendency of the Government to appoint the magistracy from the police.
Mr. SCULLY observed that the worst class from whom magistrates could be chosen were the police force. He took this opportunity of complaining of the conduct of the Irish newspapers in regard to the Irish members. He wished to know if the Government intended to appoint a paid Roman Catholic Commissioner, as well as a Protestant one?
Mr. B. OSBORNE was glad that attention had been drawn to the subject, as the Irish police was in anything but a satisfactory state. The police were utterly inefficient for the detection of crime. They were neither soldiers nor policemen, while their military character deprived them of all the qualities necessary for their office. They were becoming more like military every day, and it was high time that the subject was inquired into.
Mr. CARDWELL said that before 1836, all the magistrates were chosen from the police force. By the act of 1837 the appointments were thrown open. Lord Carlisle had adopted the course, on every third appointment, of consulting the Inspector-General of Police. As to the force itself, it was one of the most efficient in existence. In reply to Mr. Scully, he said that there was no intention of appointing a second commissioner.
DAHOMEY BARBARITIES.
Lord FERMOY, after a few words on the same subject, called the attention of the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies to the sacrifice of human life to be made by the present King of Dahomey, in memory of his father, and to ask him whether he is prepared to cause some steps to be taken with a view to averting this barbarous slaughter? He urged the Government to interfere for the prevention of this horrible sacrifice, for which, he said, there was yet time.
SURVIVORS OF THE SYRIAN MASSACRE.
Mr. KINNAIRD asked whether anything would be done to rescue from their unfortunate position the women and children who had been carried off in the late Syrian outbreak?
Mr. FORTESCUE said that the report of the intended sacrifice to the King of Dahomey was unfortunately true. The influence of England, as great as it was on the coast, did not extend inland; but the King of Dahomey has been warned to expect British resentment if he persisted in his intention.
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES.
Mr. NEWDEGATE complained of the course taken by the Government with regard to the Roman Catholic Charities Bill.
Mr. BUTT said that though the agent of the Government in respect of the bill, he was not responsible for its conduct.
THE RECENT ACCIDENT AT DOVER.
Mr. H. B. SHERIDAN asked what steps had been taken by the Government to inquire into the cause of the late explosion at Dover?
Mr. S. HERBERT said that he had made inquiries, and it appeared that there were no imperfections in the cannon. The Volunteers had received proper instructions before they had commenced ball practice.
TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN SYRIA.
Mr. MONSELL denounced in warm terms the conduct of the Turks in Syria, and asked what instructions had been sent out to Lord Dufferin?
Sir C. NAPIER admitted that when Syria was under the control of the Pacha of Egypt it was far better governed than it is at present. Nothing could be worse than the conduct of the Turks, as he knew from his own experience; their tyranny began before he himself left the country. It was the duty of the Allied Powers on this occasion to have established a better government in Syria. No doubt, it was a dangerous thing to allow France to establish herself in Syria; but even this was better than leaving the Syrians to the tender mercies of the Turk, whose promises could not be depended upon for a moment.
Lord PALMERSTON explained the efforts which had been made to bring the King of Dahomey to a sense of humanity. With regard to Syria, Lord Dufferin had instructions to demand the release of the women and children taken prisoners by the Druses. It was not true that the late events were due to the tyranny of the Turks; on the contrary, they were due to the want of authority on their part. He denied altogether that the British Government were responsible for these disasters. He could not lay the instructions of Lord Dufferin upon the table of the House; but one of them was to inquire into the best mode of bringing about a better administration in Syria, and for preventing the recurrence of these lamentable occurrences.
Colonel DICKSON denied, on the authority of the published papers, that the Maronites were, as asserted, the first aggressors. In reference to the Irish Constabulary, he admitted their efficiency, but objected to their being made stipendiary magistrates.
Mr. ESMONDE made some remarks upon the same subject.
The motion for adjournment was then negatived.
PUBLIC BUSINESS.
On the motion that the House go into a committee of supply,
Mr. VANCE called attention to the neglect of public business, and failure of Irish bills during the session.
After a few words of explanation from Mr. CARDWELL,
Sir DE LACY EVANS commented upon the present arrangement and organisation of the Militia. He regretted the determination of the Government not to allow the extension of the Volunteer movement to Ireland.
Some further discussion ensued, after which the motion was agreed to, and the House went into committee of supply.
ARMY ESTIMATES.
Votes for the military fortifications at home and abroad, and for remaining items in the series of military estimates, were successively proposed and agreed to, amidst a protracted and miscellaneous discussion, which occupied nearly the remainder of the night's sitting.
The other business was then disposed of, and
The House adjourned at 2 o'clock.

MANCHESTER TRADE REPORT, FRIDAY.—The market presents a steadier and firmer appearance than on Tuesday. Fair amount of business in yarns, but cloth is heavy of sale, and the amount of business is kept in check by the dispiriting influence of the weather.
WOOL SALES, AUGUST 17.—The sales to-day have gone off steadily at very full prices, although only a limited quantity of wool has been taken for the Continent.
CORN AVERAGES.—Wheat, 73,291 quarters at 59s 6d; Barley, 173 quarters at 34s; Oats, 2,668 quarters at 26s; Rye, 14 quarters at 44s 9d: Beans, 1,042 quarters at 44s 3d Peas, 184 quarters at 41s.
LIVERPOOL WEEKLY PRODUCE,—Sugar—there is no alteration to notice in the market, and the business is again on a limited scale, without change in prices. Molasses continue to realise higher rates, 400 puncheons Cuba Muscovado, to arrive, having realised 18s. Rum—There has been more doing, without any alteration in rates. Tallow continues in good demand, and where sales have been passed a decline of 6d per cwt. has been submitted to. Coffee—The business has been principally confined to Jamaica. Rice—An increased demand has been apparent this week, and business to some extent concluded in soft grain qualities, the market closing with rather an upward tendency in prices. Saltpetre sales reach 1,200 bags, 11½d to 7½d per cent., at 40s to 41s 700 bags Bombay sold at 17s to 24s 9d.
LONDON PRODUCE MARKET—August 17.—Sugar quiet, 420 hhds. Barbadoes sold at steady prices. Coffee steady, 3,700 bags Costa Rica selling at 61s. to 70s. Tea without change. Rice, firm with a good inquiry at the advance established yesterday. Saltpetre very firm, but no transactions reported yet. Tallow—Market quiet; 51s. 9d. to 51s. 6d.; spot, 51s. 3d; last three months, 51s. 6d. to 51s. 9d., January to March.
LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET—August 17.—10,000 bales cotton sold, including 3,000 on speculation and for export. Market firm.

MANCHESTER BETTING.

Ebor Handicap—7 to 2 against Defender (taken); 12 to 1 against Moorhen (taken); 16 to 1 against Horace (offered); 10 to 1 against Tyrant (offered); 20 to 1 against Gladiolus.
St. Leger—3 to 1 against Thormanby (taken); 100 to 6 against St. Albans (taken).

OXFORD RACES.

Cadus—Don, 1st; Little Gerrard, 2nd.
Audley—Faroside, 1st.
Innkespers' Plate—Waterspirit, 1st; Jack, 2nd.

SIR G. LLOYD HODGES.—Colonel Sir G. Lloyd Hodges, the distinguished Irishman upon whom her Majesty has just conferred the dignity of Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, should not be allowed to leave the stage of public life without some notice being taken of his remarkable career, and the brilliant services which he has rendered his country. Another name has been added to the list of Irishmen, whose achievements have shed lustre on their country—a member of one of the oldest families of the south of Ireland. He entered the army at an early age, at Limerick, and served through the greater part of the Peninsular war, and in the campaign of Waterloo. He commanded the British and Foreign Legion in Portugal, under the orders of Don Pedro, in 1830 and '31; was appointed British Consul in Servia; in 1837 was promoted to the rank of Consul-General in 1838; was appointed political agent and Consul-General in Egypt in 1839; and on the breaking out of hostilities there in 1840, he returned on board Sir R. Stopford's flagship, and assisted in the bombardment of Acre, and in the capture of the Syrian. For his services with the British and Turkish forces the Sultan conferred on him the Order of the Grand Nisham, with the rank of general of division, which favours he received permission to accept. He was appointed Charge d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Hans Towns in 1841; Plenipotentiary to conclude a commercial treaty with the Grand Duchies of Mecklenberg Schwerin and Strelitz in 1843; and in 1849 Commissioner as arbiter, in conjunction with the Commissioners of Denmark and Prussia, for the Government of Schleswig. For the latter service he was made a C.B. Her Majesty has now, at the close of his official life, marked her appreciation of these long and distinguished services by conferring on him the title of K.C.B., and the Senate of Hamburg have conferred on him their Medal of Honour, their highest mark of esteem. We hope Sir G. Lloyd Hodges may long enjoy the fruits of his honourably-acquired reputation.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—Mr. Thomas Carson, youngest son of the late William Carson, Esq., having been duly examined, received, on Thursday, letters testimonial qualifying him to practise surgery. This is the young gentleman who obtained the first general Carmichael Prize in April last.
ASSOCIATION FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESSED PROTESTANTS.—The last report of this most valuable association lies before us. Its object is, "to better the condition of the Protestant poor of Dublin, through the combined exertions of temporal and religious agencies;" and it adopts for its motto the words of St. Paul, as the basis of its operations, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, *especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*" In 1835 this association was formed, and its records furnish ample evidence of the many benefits conferred on a class of our fellow-citizens, whose reduced circumstances call for prompt and suitable relief. Personal experience enables us to bear testimony to its value as a most useful instrument for promoting the welfare of the "poor and needy," and raising them above want. We feel confident that many of our wealthy citizens will cordially contribute of their substance to the support of this institution, as soon as its beneficial operations come under their notice We need scarcely add, that in proportion as its funds increase, the managers are prepared to exercise the trust committed to them with a more liberal hand.—*Christian Examiner*, August, 1860.
STEAM TRIPS FROM DUBLIN AND KINGSTOWN.—Heretofore these interesting excursions by the Mars steamer, on Wednesdays, have been north-wards or south-wards of our bay exclusively. Next Wednesday's trip promises to combine both, being advertised as from Dublin to Kingstown, thence through Dalkey Sound and Killiney Bay, then seawards round the Kish Lightship, and on by Howth, taking the circuit of Lambay Island, and passing close by Ireland's Eye. Thus will the varied tastes for the picturesque be gratified: while the mind is enlarged and the frame invigorated. Motion through pure air, without fatigue, is certainly a luxury, and of its health-giving tendencies there can be no doubt. It is well, therefore, to see so many availing themselves during the season—now drawing to a close—of the opportunities afforded them by these trips to lay in a stock of good humour and good health. Last Wednesday's voyage to Mizen Head, on the Wicklow coast, was a decided success, the passengers being very many, and the day most delightful. All enjoyed it exceedingly, and awarded their meed of praise to the spirited owners of the vessel, and the care and courtesy of the captain, who evidently felt pleasure in their gratification.
INQUEST.—Dr. Kirwan held an inquest, yesterday, on the body of a boy, named Peter Browne, who was drowned in the Liffey. It appeared from the evidence that deceased and some other boys were at play along the quay, when he fell in opposite the Custom House. The flood hurried him away; when Sergeant James Fennell, 11 C, hearing the outcry, went to the rescue of deceased, got a boat and grappling-irons, and made great exertions to save the boy, but without avail. Subsequently Peter Murphy, of Townsend-street, came across in a boat to render assistance; and, having got the grapplingirons from Sergeant Fennell, succeeded in getting the body; but, of course, at that time life was extinct.—Verdict in accordance with the above facts.
CORONER'S INQUEST—WICKLOW, 16TH AUGUST.—On yesterday there was an inquest held at Rathnew, before Mathew Hudson Jones, Esq., Knocknamohill, one of the coroners for the county, on view of the body of William Byrne, the circumstances of which we detailed the previous morning in the barn of Mr. Robert Beers, of Hawkstown, who, it appeared, had frequently given food and lodging to the deceased, and when doing so on the present occasion remarked his feebleness and exhaustion. Several witnesses were examined, and after hearing the medical testimony of Dr. Banks, the jury at once gave in a verdict of "Death from natural causes." —*Communicated.*
SCHOOL FEAST IN KILMACTHOMAS.—The annual school feast was given to the children of the Kilmacthomas schools, on Wednesday last, by the Marchioness of Waterford. The room was tastefully hung with evergreens and flowers; the children were supplied with cake, tea and sweets. A short address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Parker, in which reference was made to the sound education provided for them, and this further kind contribution to their happiness. Brief allusion was also made to the kind lady who had taken such interest in them. A hymn and song were sung, and games played at the Industrial House ground. A hearty cheer having been given for the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford, Louisa, Marchioness of Waterford, the visiters, and Lord Tyrone, the company separated.—*Communicated.*
OMAGH FARMING SOCIETY.—We trust that the approaching show of the Omagh farming society will at least sustain the ratio of improvement which was observable in the exhibition of last year. It is universally admitted that the elements exist of a most prosperous association in this neighbourhood; and it is only necessary that both gentry and farmers should give the matter a brief consideration to learn and admit the advantages of the interchange of their views on agricultural topics, and the competition of their cattle once a year for prizes. The committee have discontinued the division into classes, which formerly prevailed; and a money prize, the first in the gift of the society, is now open to any person who will bring to the yard an animal worthy of obtaining it. It is true that the late season has been unfavourable to the farmer who desires to keep his stock in the best condition; but the committee of the local society may remember that this impediment did not prevent the farmers in the district of Cloghey from maintaining the excellence which always characterises the exhibitions in that town.—*Tyrone Constitution.*
THE NEW GAME ACT.—On Wednesday the New Game Act was printed. From and after the passing of the Act on Monday last the new duties commence. For a license in Great Britain or a certificate in Ireland to kill game, if the same be taken out after the 5th April and before the 1st November, to expire on the 5th April in the following year, £3; to expire on the 31st October in the same year if it is taken out, £2; if the licence or certificate be taken out on or after the 1st November, to expire on the 5th April following, £2; for a gamekeeper to kill game on the lands of a person having the right, £2; for every licence to deal in game in England, Scotland, or Ireland, to be granted under this Act, £2. The new duties are to be excise duties, under the Inland Revenue Commissioners. In default of a licence to take or kill game the offender is to forfeit £20. Several exceptions and exemptions are set forth in the act, including any of the Royal Family. Nothing in the new act is to alter the 11th and 12th Victoria, caps. 29 and 30, except that a "game certificate" in those acts, and also in the 1 and 2 Wm. IV., c. 32, is to be read as a "Licence to Kill Game." Licences may be taken out on behalf of assessed servants acting as gamekeepers, for persons having the right to kill game, by under depositions from landlords, on the change of gamekeeper, or the revocation of deputation, the licence may be continued to the successor. Persons doing any act requiring a licence to kill game are to produce the same on demand, or declare their name and residence, under a penalty of £20. A licence is to be void on a party being convicted. The Inland Revenue Commissioners are to publish lists of persons licensed to kill game, and licences to deal in game are only to be granted to those who have obtained licenses from justices. Every licence to kill game, and not as a gamekeeper or servant, is to be available for the killing of game in any part of the United Kingdom.
THE ISTHMUS OF SUEZ CANAL.—A letter from Alexandria affords us the following interesting information:—M. de Lesseps is proceeding to France, having suffered severely from the effects of climate, and having been attacked with jaundice. The canal is progressing. About 250 Europeans and 1,200 Arabs are employed. He says the Arabs are excellent workmen, and he pays them, according to their class, from two to eight piastres (1s. 1d.) per excavation of the canal has reached 10 miles in length (about three English miles), the breadth being about 53 yards, and the depth about eight feet. The dredging machine, being a floating body, clears a channel for itself to advance in the direction of the intended canal. In three or four months' time M. de Lesseps hopes to have advanced 30 miles into the interior, where a hill of moderate elevation must be cleared away, the workmen having already begun. Fifteen hundred men are to be employed for the operation, and, this done, they will soon arrive at the depression of the Bitter lakes, which are about 22 feet below the level of the Mediterranean; and the junction of the two seas, M. de Lesseps says, will probably be accomplished next May."
A sad accident happened at Bareges on the 9th instant, when an English lady and gentleman attempted to descend the ascent of the Pic du Midi. Darkness coming on, they were unable to see the danger of a pass before them; they urged on their horses, that hesitated to advance, and all fell together down a precipice. The gentleman had his head severely cut, and his wife had an arm broken, having escaped with their lives by a miracle.
BLACK PREACHING IN AMERICA.—In the afternoon I listened, with very great delight, to a black preacher, in a "coloured man's church," where almost all the congregation were fugitive slaves. The whole service was well conducted, and without a particle of that overwrought excitement which may be noticed as a blemish in the fervent negro churches. The whole numerous crowd of negroes of no white a skin that no one but a slave-driver would dare to call them black. The rough blasts of travelling have made me far more "weather browned" than many of those whose skin is thought dark enough to warrant its being sold with a human being in it. One man played the flute very tastefully as the choir sung, and the sable congregation joined, all standing up, and turning round with their backs to the pulpit. Now with the heartiest good-will that I partook of the Lord's Supper with those poor fugitives, and gave a liberal contribution from a kind lady in London, where this black minister might occupy many pulpits without disparagement. In the evening the church was crowded, to hear an account of open-air preaching in England, illustrated by simple anecdotes.—*Our Brothers and Cousins.*
THE GRASSHOPPER ON THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, LONDON, AND THE THUNDER-STORM.—This curious relic of past times, which has not only an antiquarian interest but is associated in the popular mind with civic munificence, appears to have been placed in considerable peril during the thunder-storm of Saturday morning, for a vivid flash of lightning was observed to hover around the vane, which for a moment was involved in an intense blaze. The atmosphere at that time was so highly charged with the electric element that the telegraphic wires which pass through the east of the Exchange became luminous in two places to the degree as to dazzle the eyes of those who had their attention directed to them, and, indeed, to produce a momentary blindness. The grasshopper was the crest of Sir Thomas Gresham, the munificent founder of the first Exchange, and with that fondness for associations and emblems which distinguished the period in which he lived, the eminent merchant adopted his own crest as the vane of the edifice which he erected and dedicated to the use of the citizens of London. By many it is believed that the present grasshopper is the same which adorned the spire of the original structure; but, if not, it is at all events the identical emblem which has surmounted the three subsequent towers—namely, that erected after the Fire of London; that built by Mr. Smith in 1813; and after the last fire it was preserved and used again by Mr. Tite, whose professional fame is especially associated with the present very elegant spire and tower. The architect, however, took the precaution to introduce, in addition to the vane, a most effective lightning conductor, which is understood to have been constructed under the superintendence of Mr. Walker, the skilful electrician who has charge of the electric telegraph on the south-east lines. To this precaution, no doubt, the preservation of the tower from injury, if not from destruction, during the recent storm, is due. The vane and shaft have since undergone a careful examination, and they remain apparently uninjured.
ROMAN MILITARY AFFAIRS.—The Roman army now at the disposition of General Lamoriciere amounts to 20,000 men. These troops the French general drills and exercises incessantly. He is now with the centre of the army, examining the field works and inspecting the numerous corps he has posted *en echelon* along the frontier of Tuscany and Romagna. He recently had a long interview with a foreign general, supposed to be in the service of Austria; but of the object of the conference nothing has transpired. Lamoriciere scarcely gives breathing time to his men; he marches and countermarches them for the double purpose of not exceeding the troops and deceiving the Italians as to their exact number. He orders earthworks and batteries to be constructed, then suddenly demolishes them to throw up others elsewhere. He thus keeps the officers of the artillery and engineers continually in motion. He sees all and directs all himself.—*Daily News.*

ROYAL INAUGURATION.

The German journals give the following as the text of the Emperor of Austria's speech at Salzburg, on the inauguration of the Munich and Vienna railroad (a telegraphic summary of which has already been published):—
The solemnity of this day commences a period of immensely increased intercourse between lands that are widely separated by position. May they employ the new means of communication with generous and active rivalry, attended by ever-increasing prosperity. But you must all feel, with me, that this festival claims a still higher significance. They are kindred German races that, from this day, are brought nearer to each other. The sons of Austria rejoice to give their hand to their brothers of Bavaria, and to thank them for their attachment and fidelity. And the same feeling of unity with which we, as neighbours, greet each other, we extend to all our German confederates and allies. When alluding to them in this assembly, I cannot but remember with pleasure the day on which a few weeks ago, I took the hand of the Prince Regent of Prussia, strengthening those opinions we mutually entertain. I am assured that you will, with your whole hearts unite with me in drinking this triple toast—"My Royal Friend and Brother of Bavaria! Bavaria's Brave and Faithful People! The Unity of the Princes and People of Germany!"
The King of Bavaria, in reply said:—
In the name of my people, and in my own, I thank you, with the warmest sincerity, for the toast just given. Cominly the day, the completion of which we celebrate, has a widely extended importance; it will bring kindred races nearer together. May God's blessing rest upon it! Hope and enthusiasm recently hailed the friendly meeting of the sovereigns of Austria and Prussia; it is a guarantee for the unity of Germany, and in that unity lies our strength and power. From the bottom of my heart, therefore, I give you the toast, "My Imperial Brother and Friend of Austria! Austria's true and war-tried Sons! The union of the two great Powers of Germany."

Correspondence.

ART UNIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.
SIR,—The first Art Union established in Ireland was extinguished by the perpetration of a little job. £150 was given for a water colour daub. We all respect the individual who was benefited by it, and the excuse given by the Art Union was instituted for the benefit of Irish artists, and they fulfilled their trust by giving £150 to a very distinguished Irishman; but the result was, that the public would not again confide in the management of the committee, and the first Art Union was a failure.
The present proceedings relative to the £100 prize in the Shilling Art Union are illiberal and unfair. The artists connected with it were united in opinion that a picture by a foreign artist should not, however good, be selected, on the ground that the society was intended to be for the benefit of Irish artists only. All agree in job No. 1; but, when the exclusive system is carried a little further, and job No. 2 is executed, the artists who so cordially agree in No. 1 find they have all been sold.
Artists do not stand well in public estimation; their narrow-minded jealousy exposes them to contempt. What bajealousy could have dictated the hanging of the pictures in the last exhibition of the Royal Hibernian Academy? Some of the best pictures were by foreign artists, and were accordingly skied, but not out of sight. But the public appreciated the pictures, and equally appreciated the motive. If the pictures of foreign artists were eligible for exhibition, they were also entitled to fair play; both in the placing of them on the walls, and in their chance of being selected by the prizeholders in the Art Unions. But there is no brotherhood amongst artists. Generous feeling ought to induce them to give the first place to the stranger, and, if his talent merited it, to award him the prize; but the hungry pack show him their teeth, and are justly rewarded in the end by not being allowed a chance themselves.
The course pursued with respect to the £100 prize is not likely to be for the advancement of art, the credit of artists, or the extension of Art Unions. The rules of the society have been set aside to enable the secretary to take the lion's share. The picture selected for the prizeholders was not selected from the works exhibited at the Academy, neither was it painted on commission. If a rule was to be set aside, surely it should have been that stupid one which obliges a prizeholder to wait a year for his prize, instead of receiving it. £100 might have been very well and judiciously expended in the purchase of two or three works, and more than one or two artists would have been benefited by it.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,
VAN DAUB.

THE GUILDFORD EXTRAVAGANZA.

The following letter has been addressed to the editor of the *Times*:—
Sir,—Your readers may be amused with the following passage, taken (with the exception of a few words) *verbatim* from *Evelyn's Memoirs*. John Evelyn relates (vol. 1, p. 9, of the 8vo edition) as follows:—
"My father was appointed Sheriff for Surrey. He had 116 servants in liverys; every one liveryd in genere sattin doublets, divers gentlemen and persons of quality waited on him in the same garb and habit, which at that time, when 30 or 40 was the usual retinue of the High Sheriff, was esteemed a great matter. Nor was this out of the least vanity that my father exceeded, but because he could not refuse the civility of his friends and relations, who voluntarily came themselves or sent their servants. But my father was most unjustly and spitefully molested by that jeering Judge Richardson. . . . But out of this he emerged with as much honour as trouble."
Into the merits of the case between Judge Richardson and Richard Evelyn, the lineal ancestor of the present High Sheriff for Surrey, or of the case between Judge Blackburn and the High Sheriff, I do not propose to enter. For this purpose we have merely to consider the passage I have copied as the representation by the dutiful son of his view of the case, and to think how the High Sheriff or his dutiful son could represent recent events; and it must be said that the coincidence is very remarkable. It has been said that history never reproduces itself. This

Foreign Intelligence.

FRANCE.

A correspondent, dating from Paris, August 15, writes thus :—

The Post Office closes at noon in honour of the Imperial *fête*, and the morning's budget of news is scanty. The weather is showery, and promises to interfere to a great extent with the enjoyment of the holiday-makers. The only sign of unusual festivity is to be found in the neighbourhood of the theatres, where enormous *queues* of people besiege the doors, eagerly awaiting for ingress. Gratuitous performances take place at all the principal tona houses, and the denizen of the Faubourg St. Antoine, the *chiffonnier* of the Faubourg St. Marceau, enjoy the luxury of a seat in the comfortable arm chairs of the Grand Opera and Opera Comique, not so much for the treat of play going as from a vague idea that for the treat of play going as from a vague idea that for the treat of play going as from a vague idea that which they have no long since lost their polar fate for more *blasé* playgoers. To look at these audiences it is difficult to realise the fact that these are the men who are to be found behind the barricades in every street fight, who have vowed lasting hatred to the *bourgeoisie*, and whose apparent refinement does not exclude a degree of cold ferocity and cruelty, of which every disturbance that has taken place in France from 1789 to 1851 has afforded but too conclusive proof.

There is no foreign news of any importance. Regarding the intention ascribed to Austria to interfere in Italy in case of Garibaldi's making preparations to attack her, the papers here are making out that such a course would be a breach of intervention, and that neither France nor England can suffer it. The motives which regulate the conduct of France are rather too uncertain to make it possible to infer what the Emperor intends doing. His Majesty has not yet made up his mind as to whether he is to come forward as "the Saviour of Society" and put down revolution, or as the "Champion of Nationalities" in Europe. If English, it is to be hoped that she will return to that policy of strict neutrality to which she was indebted for avoiding the entanglement of another French intrigue last year. Austria has no friends, and therefore all the curs of the official press yelp at her heels with all the fury distinctive of th e breed whose tark is worse than their bite. Now, no one in his senses but would object to Venetia forming once more a part of Italy ; but, at the same time, it is rather too much to expect that Austria will allow preparations to be openly made against her without striking a blow in self-defence. Let us show a little of that English love of fair play we talk so much about, and recognise the difficulty of the position of Austria—with a rising insurrection in Hungary and Italy in her present state, the cause of Italian independence surely does not require the active interference of England. If the Italians again solicit the aid of France, they again place their necks under the yoke from which they have only extricated it at the cost of two provinces.

PORTUGAL.

A gloomy picture of the financial and industrial condition of Portugal, is given in the new series of Reports of Foreign Commerce from Secretaries of Legation, just published.

It furnishes a picture of the financial practices of Portugal, fully justifying all the warnings lately given to our capitalists regarding that country. The Treasury accounts almost defy analysis; still, they are sufficiently intelligible to show that the revenue presents an enormous deficiency each year, which is regularly met by a new sale of bonds in the London market. Yet, the State for the past eight years has enjoyed all the benefit of having "reduced the forced 'conversion' of 1852, inducted its foreign creditors of one-half of the interest due to them. In June, 1858, the national debt was £28,257,495 ; in the succeeding twelve months, in the face of the constantly increasing deficiency, it had grown to £29,719,110, and the figures are believed since to have become much worse. The law of the 8th of June, 1857, and that of the 5th of March, 1858, £5,000,000 of 3 per cent. inscriptions were authorised to be issued for the execution of railways and roads, especially for the fulfilment of the contract with Sir Morton Peto. That contract has been cancelled. No progress has been made with the railways, yet up to the 30th of November last £1,293,000 had already been issued, producing £1,263,622, of which sum nearly half has been applied illegally to the current expenses of the State—a course for which the Government have since solicited a bill of Indemnity, on the plea of unavoidable necessity. These large issues of 3 per cent. stock were effected at an average price for the term of the contract. A loan negociated on the 30th of June last year with the Frankfort house of Erlanger. The contractor bound himself to pay £600,000 to the Portuguese Financial agency in London in five instalments of £120,000, the last of which will fall due on the 1st of October next. The Government bound themselves not to make such other loans, and which, we cannot think, would have been put upon our market at 46 and 47; but the Government, in their gratitude to any one who would lend them money, have conferred the title of baron upon the contractor. As the period of abstinence from further issues has now expired, it will be open to any other capitalist ambitious of Portuguese honours to gain a title by some equally profitable negociation. The London public, perhaps, in their credulity will readily absorb from time to time all that may be offered them. "It was once expected," says Mr. Barron, in the clear report, dated April, 1860, from which these facts are gathered, "that a large increase of revenue would have been made by the hands of the ordinary Minister of Finance. Such, however, has not been the case. He certainly admits the necessity of restoring some equilibrium between revenue and expenditure, but defers the realisation of the policy to a future day, confining himself for the present to "laying the foundation of this reform." Recently a change of Ministry has taken place, and a whole new regard such results as not too dearly purchased by the temporary observation of complete constitutional liberties while the process of fusion was going on. The immediate activity of popular representative forms is, in our view, secondary to the paramount object of national independence and unity. To attain that object "prave words" will not suffice—indeed much speaking from so many tribunes as there are Ministers produce dreams of that attainment than actual fruition. It is not a revolution to be made by rose-water, or rose-coloured speeches. If the Italians show a firm front in the field under a single leadership, they will show a good title to the national unity they talk of. But that means, for the time, a military dictatorship, and a total postponement of all verbal patriotism, and all the personal ambitions and vanities which so often prompt it. That is the ordeal before the Italians, if they mean a War of Independence—or such evidence of readiness for such a war as may arrest actual conflict. If they were Garibaldis, we should have little doubt of the issue. If they could rely on France, as so many of them are still persuaded they can, to fight their battles over for them again this year, without reserved views of substituting her own ascendant in Italy for that of Austria—then we might see, for the first time in the world's history, a nation helped *gratis* to independence by foreigners, without that pre-requisite condition of internal union which vindicates national unity from encroachment by allies, as well as from oppression by enemies.

It cannot but be admitted that the national feeling in Germany is generally adverse to the national independence of Italy ; since Germany has long been accustomed to regard the Austrian dominion in that country as a southern extension and outwork of the territory and influence of he Fatherland. We have a difficulty, however, in believing that Austria, after the rude lesson of last year, will take the initiative in renewed hostilities in Italy, in mere reliance on German national sentiment —action upon which would be a mistake of recollections for hopes. The old Imperial era has terminated in Germany as well as in Italy ; and it might be recommended to Germany to begin by reconstituting national unity at home (so sadly torn in two by Austria and Prussia, and frittered away in the minor members of the "Bund" in petty courts and sovereignties) before taking umbrage at national unity in Italy. It is far more important to the rank and weight of the Fatherland in the family of nations, that she should contrive somehow to form a nation herself, than impede the Italians in their painful throws of new birth.

English and French policy has been pronounced, and we trust will be maintained, for non-intervention in the affairs of a country which has only too long been the mere sport and prey of contending foreign influences. That Italy should cease to be regarded as a theatre of foreign intrigues, a battle-field of foreign quarrels, a prize of foreign cupidities, were surely a consummation devoutly to be wished, and Garibaldi or anyone heartily thanked who should help to achieve it. But it will only be if it will be by vigorous and unmistakeable demonstration of those national qualities which, as they can alone create national unity, can alone defend it.—*Globe*.

THE RELIEF OF DERRY AND THE PARTY EMBLEMS BILL.

We have already recorded the feelings of just indignation with which we recognise in the Party Emblems Bill one of the very worst phases of that shifting policy with which the Whig party feebly and in vain essay the Government of Ireland—if government we can call a system which we see at one time conniving at an Ultra-montanism more dangerous far than aught which even the distorting medium of Whig policy could discover in those offers of a Volunteer defence for this country at which Lord Palmerston so gravely shook his head ; at another time seeking to arm the police with a control over individual action by an enactment for a parallel to which we must turn to the most despotic States of Europe. Such as it is, however, nothing more effectual could be devised for warming again into a new life that party spirit which it is pretended it will allay, or for opening afresh those wounds which time and a better feeling among all classes were gradually healing.

We now wish to direct the attention of our readers to some points in connection with this subject, which receive forcible illustration from the letter addressed by Mr. Bloomfield to the *Times*, briefly commented upon in our last number, and also from a circumstance connected with the recent celebration of the anniversary of the relief of Derry, in which the bishop of that diocese came prominently, we wish we could say favourably, before the public. It has always been the custom, on the anniversary to which we refer, as also on the anniversary of the shutting of the city gates, to hoist a crimson banner over the chancel window of the cathedral. This banner, which is simply the old British standard, was hoisted on the roof of the cathedral when James invested the city in 1688, the standard in his camp being the white, or Bourbon flag. It has always been regarded, not as a party emblem, but as a tribute of respect to men who, long since dead, once fought with heroic bravery for their faith and their firesides against a foreign foe, and at length drove him humiliated from the ramparts and walls on which posterity now celebrates their victory. It signifies this, and nothing more ; nor could we regard with hope the future of a people who would not cherish such memories as these, or think their rulers wise who would seek to efface them. That banner has been raised in the same place on each succeeding anniversary for one hundred and seventy years, and it was only until the anniversary which has just passed, when it came from a quarter where it was little expected. It appears from the account given by the *Londonderry Guardian* that on the morning of the anniversary it became known to those who usually hoist the flag that the bishop of the diocese had instructed the sexton of the cathedral to refuse any attempt to do so. In reply to a letter of remonstrance which was forwarded to the bishop, his lordship stated that as a member of the House in which the Party Emblems Act was passed, he believed he could not consistently permit the hoisting of flags or ringing of bells. To a second remonstrance, urging, in the first place, that the bill had not at the time become *law*, and in the second place, that the flag in question, not being a party emblem, the bill did not apply, the bishop replied that *in future* it would apply to all such proceedings. The flag, however, was hoisted, despite the resistance of the ecclesiastical officials. In the course of the day, the bishop applied to the sub-inspector, and also to the head-constable of police, to assist him in removing the flag, but they declined to interfere, upon which his lordship had to retire from a contest into which his zeal for carrying into practice a measure not yet law hurried him with indecent haste, and which, we cannot think, was one at all worthy of more discussion than they have yet received; and, notwithstanding the number of formal stages through which it has passed (for this is its re-committal), seems to us to need yet further emendations and amendments before it be allowed to assume the form of law. Nor is it easy to conceive why, after being brought from the Lords on the 6th of March, and after having been in committee in April, it should now come on again for re-committal in August, at a time when many of the legal members of the House are away on the various circuits, and when the House generally is too jaded and listless to discuss a subject of this technical and professional nature. The one great objection to this bill is its vagueness and incomprehensibleness. We defy any one—lawyer or layman—after a careful perusal of its contents, to pronounce with any confidence upon its scope and purview ; to say to what companies or associations it shall or shall not extend (whether, for instance, it is or is not to include banking and insurance companies), or to understand the definition of membership in a company, or how the capital of a company is to be raised, or how, before the company, when formed, is to be registered. Under the present law every one knows how a company is to be formed, how shares in the company are acquired and parted with, and how calls are recovered from defaulting shareholders. But by this new measure companies are contemplated without a share capital, and, accordingly, associated companies generally are described as consisting of members and not shareholders ; yet it is not stated how persons are to become members other than by subscribing the original memorandum of association, which is to be deposited at the registry, nor how the portion of capital to be contributed by members or shareholders is to be recovered from them by any process of law in case they neglect to contribute it. Hitherto the mode of accepting shares has been prescribed, and the conditions of action given for the recovery of unpaid calls ; but now, supposing that an individual should legally have become a member but have omitted to perfect the formalities by which the company can compel him to perform those obligations, except a forfeiture of his shares if the capital of the association should happen to be divided into shares, a remedy at once illusory, incomplete, and inconclusive. Again, when we state that above five pages of this Bill are taken up with enumerations of companies that may and companies that may not be governed by this Act, and that it is considered necessary to give a definition not only of a joint-stock company, but also of a joint-stock companies' act (which definitions, by the way, are as lengthy as they are indefinite), it is obvious that if this bill be suffered to pass in its present shape, a rich harvest will be reaped by the lawyers ; for every company and association that may not be governed by this Act, and that it is considered necessary to give a definition not only of a joint-stock company, but also of a joint-stock companies' act (which definitions, by the way, are as lengthy as they are indefinite), it is obvious that if this bill be suffered to pass in its present shape, a rich harvest will be reaped by the lawyers ; for every company and association that may not be governed by the Act, as we understand it, being adequately debated and discussed at this period of the session, that however much we may lament the little progress that law reform has made this year, it will not be matter for regret if this Bill for the incorporation, regulation, and winding up of trading companies and other associations, be also abandoned or withdrawn.—*Daily News*.

TRI-CENTENARY OF THE REFORMATION IN SCOTLAND.

TUESDAY EVENING SEDERUNT.

The LORD PROVOST took the chair at seven o'clock.

His Lordship begged to express his thanks for the honour which had been done him in requesting him to take the chair at the first of the series of meetings to be held in commemoration of the great event of the Reformation. He regretted that he should be obliged to leave for England in a short time, but he had made an arrangement with one of his brother magistrates to take the chair.

Dr. M'Crie read a paper on "The Parliament of 1560."

The Rev. Canon Miller, of Birmingham, was the next speaker. In the course of his address, he said he was amazed at the strong delusion which had come over our statesmen in high places with regard to the character of the Church of Rome. (Hear, hear.) The rev. gentleman condemned in strong terms the system of negative theology, and expressed his conviction that John Knox would have opposed it as boldly as he did the Papacy.

The Rev. Thomas Nolan, London, said it was well known that the Church of Rome and the power of Rome was not acknowledged in Ireland till the 11th century. Their pastor saint, he believed, was a Scotchman. They were likewise indebted to that country for the saint of St. Patrick. (Laughter.) The confession taught by him had nothing in it in common with the doctrines of the Church of Rome.

The Rev. Dr. Killen, Professor of Church History in the Presbyterian College, Belfast, then read a paper on "The Hand of God in the Reformation." He proceeded to narrate various circumstances connected with the period of the Reformation, glancing at the inventions of gunpowder, of the mariner's compass, and printing, as preparing the way, by the revolution which they effected in the social system and in the habits of thought among the nations of Europe, for the doctrines of the Reformation as disseminated by Luther and the German Reformers in Germany. Then came the hand of God, he remarked, was equally apparent in the time chosen for the commencement of the Reformation. The rise into notice and importance of the Albigenses, and the fall of Constantinople in the previous century, did much to shake the stability of the throne of the Roman Pontiff. But the chief event that exhibited its tottering state was the burning of St. Peter's at Rome. How singular was it that the rise of that magnificent Papal temple was the cause of the downfall of the Pope ! The enormous expense incurred necessitated the sale of indulgences, and this raised the ire of Luther and Zwingle. The hand of God was conspicuous in the selection of the leaders of the Reformation. No great prelates or cardinals rocked its cradle. Its chief apostles were obscure monks, but after the lapse of 300 years the Protestant world still revered the wonderful energy of Luther and the matchless intellect of Calvin. (Applause.) John Knox, though less widely distinguished, must have possessed a mind cast in no common mould. Even in his native country he swayed such an influence over the minds of his countrymen, or cast such terror into the ranks of the enemies of the Reformation. Again, the hand of God was visible in the wonderful preservation of the Protestant leaders, and in the equally wonderful success of their labours ; and, lastly, the belief that it was still with the Reformation, for after the retribution of these centuries, its vigour was constantly increasing, and it exhibited no indication of feebleness or decay. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. John Macgregor, honorary secretary of the Protestant Alliance, was the next speaker. He began by saying that he had noticed in travelling through all the countries of Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, that they had each of them some particular character to show Popery ; and he felt certain that this country, if it had not been reformed, would have had most of them concentrated upon it. If they would come with him to the east of semi-infidel France, he would show them at the present day 16,000 people sitting, eating, and sleeping for days and nights together on the top of a mountain, because, forsooth, the Virgin Mary once appeared there with, it was said, rosettes on her shoes and a parasol in her hand ; while she talked to the little children around her about the roaring of taffies. (Laughter.) Or, if they went with him to Spain, they would see in one town the Angel Gabriel standing upright in the market place, with a mounted lance in his hand, and with only one wing, his legs. (Laughter.) Speaking of the state of Italy, he asked if the Scottish Volunteers would like to join the Pope's Brigade, to get a penny a day for their pay, and numerous compositions at night to soothe their feelings ? (Laughter.) Or would those who marched past her Majesty the other day—the admiration of all brave men and beautiful women—like to see the Pope who sat there and looked on them with overflowing heart and eyes, and put up an Isabella of Spain in her stead ? (Applause.) Yet these were but a few of the blessings which this country would obtain by parting with its Protestantism. That Volunteer movement was what he would call a glorious example of muscular Christianity ; and he remembered that the two great events—the Volunteer Review by the Queen, and the Tri-centenary Celebration of the Reformation—would long be associated in the minds of the youth of this country. (Applause.)

Dr. Begg rose to say a few words, and was received with warm applause. He said—Considering the large retaining fee which the nobility of this country had received at the Reformation, to ensure their faithful adherence to the Protestant cause, he would have liked to see a stronger muster of them at this great Protestant festival. (Hear.) The rev. doctor went on to remark upon the recent exertions put forth in this country for the spread of Popery, and to condemn the lukewarmness of a large number of Protestant ministers in regard to that vitally important matter. He had been closely watching the progress of the Prince of Wales in Canada. He first visited Newfoundland, which, as they all knew, was under the rule of the Popish Bishops. Both these Popish Bishops and the Protestant Bishops presented addresses to the Prince ; and he was made to answer them both together, and to say in his answer that he hoped they would "long maintain an earnest religion, and live in brotherly harmony." Not a word of confusion between earnest religion. That was the slang of the present day, forgetting that if the one man were earnest in such a case, he must be earnest against the other. If the Papist were earnest, and the Protestant were also earnest, there would soon be a very earnest controversy between them. (Hear, hear.) He saw next that in the Province of Wales advantage was taken of the opportunity to take a procession, and they were told that they should take rank behind the Popish authorities. This they very properly refused to do. (Applause.) He had not yet seen any details as to what had taken place in Nova Scotia ; but they knew that Nova Scotia had lately, in a great measure, thrown off the yoke of Popery, and he thought that our young Prince might perhaps get a lesson which would be of benefit to him from his visit to that portion of the Queen's dominions.

Dr. Candlish was to have closed the evening's proceedings with a speech, but did not appear, and the meeting was terminated by the Rev. Principal Cunningham pronouncing the benediction about half-past ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY.

In addition to the valuable collection at Reformation relics lent by Mr. Watson, Prince's-street, the following have been sent in by others, and may be seen in the Library Room :—From Rev. James Young, Edinburgh —The Covenant sworn by the Lords of the Congregation, December, 1557 ; and the Family Bible of the celebrated William Veitch. From David Laing, Esq., of the Signet Library, Edinburgh—Knox's History of the Reformation —the original MSS., 1566 ; original Confessions and Covenants, 1561 to 1648 ; Volume of original MS. letters, containing Letters of Renwick. Captain Paton's Bible, New Monkland Standard at Bothwell Brig, &c. Articles given for inspection by Mrs. Jeffrey—Chair made of the wood of John Knox's House, &c.

The meetings were resumed to-day at eleven o'clock, Major DAVIDSON in the chair.

The Rev. S. M. Dill, of Ballymena, Moderator of the Irish Presbyterian Church, having conducted devotional exercises,

The Rev. Dr. Alexander, Edinburgh, read an interesting paper on "The Culdees." The rev. doctor stated that it was a false notion to suppose that the Culdees were monks. No facts were more satisfactorily ascertained than that they did not take on them vows of monastic orders. It was true that they must have yielded obedience to the superiors over their establishments ; but it by no means followed from this that they were subject to the monastic rule. They lived according to some order was not to live bound hand and foot to a rule. To be subject to a chief was a very different thing from vowing to do implicitly whatever that chief might order. We had evidence from facts that had come down to us that celibacy was not the rule at Iona, or at any later establishment of the Culdees. (Cheers.) It was true that the women were not permitted to live in the college, but that was not to show that they did not marry. We had also the distinct testimony of Alex. Mill that the Culdees had wives after the manner of the Eastern Church. From the manner of the distribution of their property, we know that they did not take the vow of poverty. It was, however, easier to say what the Culdees were not than what they really were. In merely showing that the Culdees were not monks, there was evidence that a great difference existed between them and the Roman Catholics, by whom they were spurned. They refused to have anything to do with the canons of the Roman Catholics, for if they had done so, they would have submitted the power of the Church to be augmented and added to from age to age. Whether the Culdees were Episcopalians or Presbyterians, they never pretended to be priests. They did not seek to gain the height of their office by Sacerdotal means. The radical difference between the Roman Catholic and the Protestant was, that the one sought to make men Christians by teaching them, the other by setting them to work. Now, to this the Culdees stood on the one side, and the Roman Catholics on the other. The one proclaimed the virtue of their priestly powers, the other their faith in God, and the regular preaching of the Word. Whether the Culdees were evangelical in their doctrinal views or not, whether their ecclesiastical rules were scriptural or otherwise, whether they were pure or corrupt—it was plain that they presented an uncompromising front to the Romish Church. Not in Scotland only, but everywhere, they were the unyielding opponents of Ultramontanism. When he found them maintaining their reverence for the Holy Scriptures —when he saw them zealous for the diffusion of scriptural knowledge among the people—when he found one of them proclaiming the great doctrine of justification by faith alone—when he saw that by the Roman Catholic clergy they were stigmatised as schismatics—when he found St. Bernard denouncing them because they would not submit to confess to priests—now, when he found the Roman Catholics found a parallel between them and the Waldensians—and when he found this in connection with their resistance to Rome—he felt that they deserved the honour that they were giving to those whose memories they were this day met to celebrate, and for whose glorious work we this day give thanks. He rejoiced to think that there was a day in the history of Scotland when the gospel was freely preached, and when the foot of the Romish priest had not polluted its soil. He hoped that day might come again, when we should be able to say, in words that were applied to our country nearly 1700 years ago by an apologist for Christianity—" *Habitamus locus nascens Romanis.*" (Cheers.)

The Rev. Dr. Begg then read a letter of apology from Dr. Candlish for absence from the meetings ; and he also stated that the Rev. C. Chiniquy, the Canadian reformer, was present, and would have received with much applause.

The Rev. Professor Lorimer, of London, then read a paper on "The Precursors of John Knox." He stated the object he had in view was to call attention to four of the precursors of John Knox, two of whose names were as familiar throughout all the land as household words—Patrick Hamilton and George Wishart—(cheers)—both of them reformers of the first rank, and entitled almost to share equally with Knox in the highest honours of this commemoration—for these three were the means, under God, of doing much in bringing about the Reformation. Hamilton laid the foundation of the Reformation, Wishart built up the walls, and Knox brought forth and fixed the top-stone. Hamilton and Wishart were both young men—the former having died in his twenty-fourth year, and the latter in his thirty-fourth year, before Knox returned to Scotland in the autumn of 1559. The one was rather a teacher than a preacher, and the other rather a preacher than a teacher. (Hear.) Hamilton published his theses from the gates of a university, while Wishart proclaimed his doctrines from the national pulpit. Wishart was the first great pulpit orator in Scotland that we read of. The next precursor of John Knox mentioned was Sir David Lindsay of the Mount, who was the first *par excellence* of the nation. He was the advocate of reform in the State, in the municipality, and in the family. The Scottish Reformation produced other poets, such as George Buchanan. Though inferior in genius and taste to Buchanan, Lindsay had more of that homespun wit which made him, as a favourite, the idol of the people. Lindsay's works were now become objects of antiquarian interest. He was long looked upon by the people as a prodigy of learning. When any difficult word was spoken and not understood, the following was a common expression—" Sie a word wauns to be found between the two boards o' Davie Lindsay." Next to the destruction of the Roman Catholic religion, he said in 1858 the images were stolen away in all parts of the country, and amongst others, the images of St. Gilles, was first drowned in the North Loch, and afterwards burned. (Laughter.) A fourth of Knox's precursors was Alexander Ellesin. Knox has mentioned his name in history, but neither he nor any other has given any adequate account of his life in connection with the Reformation, and yet foreign biographies were not silent in regard to his history. To the late Rev. Christopher Anderson, of this city, was due the honour of drawing attention to the merits of this great reformer. He was the first champion of Scotland for the first vernacular Bible, and his exertions were not in vain. Surely such a man was worthy of sharing in the honours now given to the reformers by the tri-centenary. Elesin was an exile, and a wanderer all his days. His name itself showed that he was a wanderer. Let us now call him by his own name—Alexander Allan—and in his own native city let them welcome his name back to a place of fame.

Dr. Wylie read a paper on John Knox, chiefly commenting on the period of his exile ; and the proceedings were suspended at a quarter to two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SEDERUNT.

At two o'clock the proceedings were resumed in sectional meetings—one in the Assembly Hall, and the other in the Free High Church. J. N. Murray, Esq., of Philiphaugh, was in the chair in the Assembly Hall.

Mr. A. E. Macnight, advocate, Edinburgh, read a paper on "The Influence of the Reformation on Literature and Education," and the Rev. John Gemmel, M.A., Fairlie, also read one on "Some Remarks on John Knox's Historic of the Reformation of Religion in the realm of Scotland."

The Rev. Dr. Lorimer, Glasgow, then read a paper on "The Alleged Services of the Church of Rome to the cause of Freedom." The rev. doctor said that Rome is not only intolerant herself, but she favours intolerance in others. It was only when she could not help it that she helped on the progress of freedom, and in that case she divided with the true friends, and such a one showed the clever adaptation of her power to circumstances. Hence, when the popular storm blew over the Romish agents, with few exceptions, returned to their former ways. In regard to the slavery of the middle ages, he had no hesitation in saying that important services were rendered by the Church on the side of humanity. That was the chief praise which was due to the Church of Rome, and we did not grudge it to her ; but modern philosophical and semi-Popish writers made far too much of it, as if Rome, in the middle ages, had been a great friend of civilisation. What was the truth of the matter ? It was this ; that when Rome was at war with known, was the first to break the chains of the slave. The early Christian Church was the best emancipator, and even after she became corrupt with Popery, she did not altogether lose her character. She retained so much of her humane spirit that enabled her to exert her wide-spread influence against the slavery of the times. The rev. doctor said that he did not grudge to grant the Church of Rome all the credit which fairly attaches to her, and could well afford to be generous. (Cheers.) He rejoiced to see humanity even in corrupt Christianity. They must, however, take care that admissions were not turned to the disadvantage of truth and the cause of God. The Word of God always spoke of her as an undivided evil. He then referred to Belgium, as a country populated to by the Rome, providing that if ever Rome gave to liberty—a country strongly Popish, yet constitutionally free, enjoying as great freedom as any State could boast of. But who did not know that, during the times of persecution, Belgium was a hotbed of persecution ? If, thirty years ago, there was a successful revolution, that proved nothing as to Rome's love of liberty ; for the success was a rebellion against Rome. He then referred to the circumstance that the Roman Catholic newspapers were always furious for freedom at home, while they favoured and supported persecution abroad.

Professor Hetherington, Glasgow, read a paper on "Romanism, or the Principles of Religious Liberty," which he has, on several occasions, already read in the West of Scotland. The meeting then adjourned till the evening.

The meeting in the Free High Church was very thinly attended.

Mr. Shaw, of Newhall, presided, and addressed the meeting. Alluding to the progress of Popery in England, and to the effect of the Roman Catholic Emancipation Act, the rise of Tractarianism in Oxford, &c., in promoting and facilitating that progress, he remarked that it was often said that the country was Protestant at heart ; but how could that be said of it while Government was allowed to carry out Romish measures ? He, in conclusion, alluded to Poland, where he said the Jesuits had, as in this country, been allowed to undermine the Protestantism of the kingdom, the result being that that once Protestant country had become Romanised, denationalised, degraded, and broken up.

The Rev. John Fraser, of Gordon, then read a paper on "The Hand of God in the Reformation."

A paper by the Rev. Duncan M'Callum was then read on "The Church of Scotland as old as the Church of Rome," the object of which was to show that the Christian Church in Scotland existed for centuries uncorrupted by, and unconnected with, the Church of Rome. The writer claimed for Columba the foundation of the Presbyterian system in Scotland, and maintained that for ages, whilst the Continent was involved in darkness, the pure Gospel was known and preached in its purity throughout Ireland and Scotland. After alluding to the circumstances which led to the introduction of the ecclesiastical power of Rome in Scotland, he stated that, while any of the old British clergy lived, the Church of Scotland always existed in the minds of a few who, amidst outward conformity to Rome, worshipped their Maker in spirit and in truth.

The third paper was read by the Rev. William Mackray, A.M., on "The causes that have retarded the progress of the Reformation." This paper, the writer stated, formed a chapter in the essay that had gained the Burnet prize. The great causes which he considered had retarded the Reformation were—1st, Dissension among Protestants ; 2nd, the declension in Protestantism ; and 3rd, to misconceptions and misrepresentations of Protestants. After challenging the claim to unity made by the Church of Rome, and showing that that church within itself had ever been a scene of contention and strife, he admitted and lamented the great injuries and evils that had arisen to the Protestant cause from the dissensions among Protestants, inaugurated by the unhappy controversy between Luther and Zwingle on the Holy Eucharist. He said that, even amidst many circumstances of a cheering nature in Continental Protestantism, these dissentions were even now retarding its progress. In our own country, Cardinal Wiseman had said, that his hopes lay in the division of British Protestantism ; and one would think that a boast like this would impress on all Protestants the necessity of using all Scriptural means of uniting themselves as a body ; in one word, not purchasing union at the expense of truth, but labouring to exalt the truth, in regard to which they were essentially at one. Passing over the second point, the writer came to the third—misconceptions and derelictions. The first misconception was, that Popery had undergone a material change. He (Mr. Mackray) had no means of knowing it, and no more would any Protestant who was not willing to make concessions to Romanism by Protestant Governments, especially by our own in recent times. The notion, however, was a grievously erroneous one. The Papal was, in one point of view, the most accommodating of all systems. In Spain it was unmitigated bigotry and cruelty ; in Italy it assumed the shape or formed the veil of licentiousness ; in France it was a gross infidelity ; in France the peculiar feature was empty bigotry, being at once a state engine, and a national amusement ; and in our own country, as it dared to wear no other guise, it was tutored down to a scheme of gravity and outward propriety. But, amid all these efforts, the aspects, and nature, and character of the Papacy was unchanged and unchangeable. (Applause.) Any such change as was pleaded for would be to strip Popery of its claim to infallibility, and thereby give a death-blow to all its claims ; and the assumption was contradicted by its entire history down to the present day. To this misconception must be added another ; that this system—so altered, refined, and purified—was only another phase of our common faith, and was therefore entitled to the same protection and encouragement as any other form of Christianity. This "cant of liberalism," as Foster had termed it, was, like its ally, a flagrant mistake. The Papal system was not a form of Christianity, in proper truth, it was not a religion at all, far less a form of it called religion. (Applause.) It was a mere ecclesiastico-political system, claiming authority as well over nations as individuals ; and therefore, while its disciples must be held entitled to all civil privileges in the communities in which they live, it was at the peril of civil Governments, especially Protestant Governments, to give it countenance and support. Could there be any doubt that those unhappy misconceptions regarding the Papal system had been the cause of the manifold derelictions of duty as regarded Protestantism, by which Protestants generally, and especially Protestant Governments, but most of all our own, had been characterised ? So great, said the writer, had been the favours heaped upon the Church of Rome in this country, that one of the heads of that church in Ireland had said that the boast of Protestants was the given Rome more conquests in England than the previous three centuries had done, and that a few years more of such victories would make Britain Rome's own.

The Rev. J. D. Miller read a paper which on the programme was entitled—"Protestantism in Scotland," but which, in fact, was chiefly occupied with comments on the contest betw een Presbytery and Episcopacy in Scotland in the seventeenth century.

A paper was then read, written by the Rev. John Macredy, Saintfield, Ireland, on "The early Irish Church." The writer gave an interesting account of the rise of Christianity in Ireland, of the apostolic labours of St. Patrick, denying the right of Rome to claim him as one of its saints, and repudiating the superstitious traditions with which his life had been in modern times invested. The time was arriving, said the writer, in conclusion, when Ireland's spiritual bondage should come to an end, when her children should rise up and shake off the incubus of Popery, and when the old Culdee worship should yet revive throughout the land, and when Ireland should indeed become "the isle of saints."

The concluding paper in this section was "On the Temporal Power of the Pope," by the Rev. John Boyd, West Kilbride.

THE CORPORATION.

A special meeting of the Municipal Council was held yesterday, in the City Hall—

The Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR in the chair.

The following members were present:—

Aldermen Kinahan, Reynolds, Hudson, Woods (V.), J P ; Mackey, J P ; Moylan, J P ; Councillors Draper, M'Birney, J P ; Tracey, Dunne, J P ; M'Cann, Whelan, Joseph, Jude, Scally, Gray, J P ; Chambers, Redmond, Durdin, Tagart, Plunkett, Kelch, Cordner, Ryan, Burke, Acheson, Stanford, Farrell, Bergin, Kavanagh, Sir Timothy O'Brien, Bart. ; M'Swiney, O'Brien (Robert), M'Vey.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Sir E. Grogan, M.P., acknowledging the receipt of the petition in favour of the Galway subsidy, which had been forwarded to him on behalf of the Corporation, for presentation in the House of Commons. He resigned, and the Council upon the large majority by which the subsidy was carried.

The letter was inserted on the minutes.

The Town Clerk also read a letter from Mr. James Charles Coffey, one of the revising barristers for the city of Dublin, appointing, in pursuance of the power vested in him by Act of Parliament, as his deputy, Mr. William Dongan, barrister.

Alderman Reynolds said no man entertained more sincere feelings of friendship towards Mr. Coffey than he did ; but, bearing in mind that he had been recently appointed assistant barrister for Westmeath, he could not understand the meaning of h s handing over an office to which he was elected by the Corporation to any one to discharge its duties. In case of sickness, or unavoidable absence, they could not prevent him appointing a deputy, but they had the power of saying "no" to this arrangement at the annual election, which would come on next November. The decent course for Mr. Coffey to pursue was to write a letter to the Council, stating that, in consequence of his acceptance of the office of assistant barrister, he was no longer able to discharge the duties of revising barrister, and that therefore he should resign. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. M'Birney regarded the letter of Mr. Coffey as only making an arrangement *pro tem.*

Alderman Reynolds moved the suspension of the standing orders, with the view of having a resolution passed on the subject.

Mr. Tracey seconded the motion, which, being put from the chair, was carried *nem. con.*

Alderman Reynolds then moved, and Mr. Redmond seconded, a resolution to the effect that the Corporation did not consider Mr. Coffey had the power to appoint a deputy, except in case of illness or other incapacity ; and being fully aware that he is capable of discharging the duties, and not unwell, they could not sanction such appointment, and, therefore, called on him to discharge the duties of his office in person, or to resign it forthwith.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

THE TOWN CLERK'S SALARY QUESTION.

The Town Clerk read a report from a committee of the whole house, recommending that a guarantee should be signed by the members of the Council, for the purpose of creating a fund to meet the necessary expenses of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the present supply of water to the city, and that the liability of each member signing such guarantee should not exceed £50. The report was for first reading.

Alderman Kinahan moved, and Mr. Chambers seconded, a motion, that the standing orders be suspended, in order that the report might be received and adopted.

Mr. Whelan—I oppose it. (Oh, oh.)

Dr. Gray—Is it not a monstrous thing that a gentleman who was the most loud in his demand that a Royal Commission should be appointed shall be the person to stand up for the purpose of preventing the Corporation from taking the necessary steps to carry out its engagements, and keep faith with the Government ? If the burgesses whom this gentleman pretends to represent were aware of the course of conduct he pursues in this house—

Lord Mayor—I beg your pardon. I understand Mr. Whelan withdraws his opposition.

Dr. Gray—I withdraw every expression I used. (Laughter.)

The motion for suspension of the standing orders having been passed,

Alderman Kinahan moved the adoption of the report ; Mr. Kelch seconded the motion.

Mr. Whelan protested against the report being received as being the report of the committee of the whole house. There were not a dozen members present when it passed. With respect to the Special Water Works Committee upon whose suggestion this committee of the whole house was called, it was a self-elected body.

Lord Mayor—That committee is at end. The present Special Water Works Committee consists of 26 members.

Mr. Whelan said that this Water Works Committee, in pursuance with Mr. Lawless, one of the borough engineers, had put forward several futile schemes for supplying the city with water, the expense of which had been illegally borne out of the pipe water fund. In that case, they obtained a sham guarantee, and now they required the same thing to be done. Why not lay a case before the Attorney-General, as to whether the surplus fund arising from pipe water, which was available for the extension of water works could not be applied to the purposes of this comm in sion? He maintained that Mr. Hawkshaw could not within the time specified for making his report, come to a sound conclusion as to the best source of supply, and he also laboured under this disadvantage, that at the present time all the sources were supplied with a redundancy of water, and could not, therefore, be tested with such accuracy as in the dry season.

The report was then adopted, Mr. Whelan alone dissenting.

Alderman Kinahan moved that the law agent be empowered to put himself in communication with the treasurer, and have the necessary forms gone through, for the purpose of enabling the Council to raise money on the guarantee.

Mr. Redmond seconded the resolution, which was put and carried.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE LATE SIR PHILIP CRAMPTON.

A report for first reading was brought up from Committee No. 1, recommending the Council to grant as a site for the proposed testimonial to Sir Philip Crampton, the space now occupied by the lamps at the south side of Carlisle Bridge.

Alderman Reynolds expressed his intention of opposing the adoption of the report when the proper time arrived. No man was more anxious to do honour to the memory of Sir Philip Crampton than himself, but he considered the proposed testimonial in a place which would render it a nuisance to the city.

The standing orders were suspended for the purpose of receiving and adopting a report from Committee No. 1, recommending the taking down or the securing of the house No. 28, North Great George's-street, which was reported to be in a very dangerous condition.

The report was adopted.

FIRE-ESCAPES.

A report for first reading was brought up from Committee No. 2, to whom had been referred the consideration of the expediency of providing the city with an adequate number of fire-escapes. The committee recommended the Corporation to procure four fire-escapes, in addition to the one now in their possession. This escape, since it was purchased in London, about two years ago, had been under the care of the police authorities ; but, though